

UFFAB Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2007
Room 119, Rockwell Hall

Members
Attending: Michael Foxman, Member at Large, Chair
Katlin Miller, Warner College of Natural Resources, Vice Chair
August Ritter, Assoc. Member, Warner College of Natural Resources
Gwynnevere Milner, College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
Sara Craven, College of Agricultural Sciences
Zack Kulbeck, College of Applied Human Sciences
Morgan Harnew, College of Business
Nathaniel Moller, College of Engineering
Tamla Blunt, Graduate School
Jered Lish, Intra-University Academic Council
Sage Morris-Greene, College of Liberal Arts
Adam Avery, College of Natural Sciences
Tony George, Assoc. Member, College of Natural Sciences

Members
Absent: Sean Timmons, Assoc. Member, College of Applied Human Sciences

Ex-Officio
Members: Jason Huitt, UTFAB Representative

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Absent: Patrick Burns, Assoc. V.P. for Info. & Instr. Tech., Advisor to UTFAB

Facility Advisor
Absent: Brian J. Chase, Director, Facilities Management, Advisor to UFFAB

Guests: Mark Ritschard, College of Engineering, Presenter

Visitors: Adam Winsett, College of Applied Human Sciences; and Dan Imo, College of Applied Human Sciences

I. Call to Order:

Chairman, Michael Foxman, calls the meeting to order.

Quorum is present.

II. Approval of January 18, 2007 Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of January 18, 2007. Minutes approved.

III. New Business:

Proposal for Computer Classrooms Across Campus: Jason Huitt, UTFAB Representative, presents for James Lyall, College of Applied Human Sciences

This proposal is to put computer classrooms in across campus. The colleges and faculty are very receptive and several colleges have identified specific classrooms as possible locations for such a project.

It is proposed that UFFAB fund the infrastructure costs and furniture. The departments will be responsible for the purchase of computers for the computer labs. UTFAB would fund the technology and future upgrades. A spreadsheet showing estimates of the costs involved and the breakdown of the UFFAB, UTFAB and Department costs is reviewed and discussed.

The group enters into a general discussion about the project. One question to come up is whether these computer labs will be open and available to all students no matter what their major is. Jason answers yes.

Jason still needs to bring this proposal before the UTFAB but is requesting a vote of legitimacy tonight from the UFFAB.

A motion is made and seconded to take a vote of legitimacy for this project. The vote is 8 for with one abstention.

Proposal for Computer Kiosk Expansion: Jason Huitt, UTFAB Representative and Mark Ritschard, College of Engineering

The proposal was submitted to the UFFAB at an earlier meeting. It will increase the number of computer kiosks on Main Campus by 60. This request is for the UFFAB to fund the infrastructure costs, i.e. cabinets, installation, etc. UTFAB previously gave a vote of legitimacy for the project. The cost to UFFAB is \$54,900 and the UTFAB cost is \$59,000.

The Board discusses the proposal and the necessity for more kiosks.

A motion is made and seconded to take a vote of legitimacy for this project. Seven votes in favor of the proposal and two votes against it.

Proposal for Academic Village Classrooms: Seminar Rooms, and Laboratories, Mark Ritschard, College of Engineering

This is a joint proposal from the College of Engineering and the Honors Program. The Board has previously been given documentation of the proposal.

With the use of PowerPoint, Mark shows the Board the layout of the New Academic Village, located on the former site of Ellis Hall.

This request is for funds to cover the initial infrastructure and equipment costs of 13 new classrooms, seminar rooms and student laborites with the breakdown as follows:

Honors Living/Learning Community:

4 seminar rooms

Engineering Living/Learning Community:

2 classrooms

7 seminar rooms and laboratories

The Engineering College and Honors Program are looking for other means to fund this project and Sun Microsystems is one prospective donor.

The project could be a phased project, however, it is preferable to have all the rooms ready by August 2007 when the Academic Village opens.

Mark informs the Board that, although this project is for Engineering and Honors students, it will free up much needed space on campus for other class/seminar space needs that serve the general student population.

The group discusses the project and questions what part UTFAB will play. Jason advises the Board that UTFAB would like to help however, they have very limited funds. There is discussion now by UTFAB that they may have to raise their tech fee for FY2007/08.

The Board discusses the option of funding this project and putting the kiosk expansion project on hold since this project seems to be more urgent and pressing.

The total request for the project is \$496,525.

A motion is made and seconded to take a vote of legitimacy for this project. The vote in favor of the project is unanimous with 9 votes.

IV. Old Business:

Final Vote for Morgan Library Redesign

The final vote for the Morgan Library Redesign will be taken after all projects have been submitted to the Board. The Board will vote on all projects at that time.

There is one more proposal from Health and Exercise Science Program and that proposal will be scheduled for the next meeting on March 1, 2007.

Motion to adjourn is made and seconded.

Meeting is adjourned.