

UFFAB Meeting Minutes
Thursday February 20th, 2013
303 GSB Large Conference Room

Members Present: Jenna Muniz, ULC, Chair
Lexi Evans, Warner College of Natural Resources, Vice Chair
Ashley Cypress, College of Health and Human Sciences
Michelle Staros, College of VMBS
Amber Weimer, College of Natural Sciences
Matt Lancto, College of Liberal Arts
Matt Fergen, College of Business
Lance Oles, College of Agricultural Sciences
Alex Brown, College of Engineering

Members Not Present: Jeff Cook, Graduate School

Members at Large Present: Sam Guinn, ASCSU Representative

Members at Large Not Present:

Associate Members Present: Robert Edwards, College of Natural Sciences
Chelsey Cross, Graduate School

Associate Members Not Present:

Ex – Officio Members Present: Steve Hultin, Faculty Advisor
Becca Wren, Staff Support
Lindsay Brown, Staff Support
Cassidy Collins, Staff Support
Andrew Olson, SFRB Liaison
Kristi Buffington, Facilities Management
Patrick Burns, Ex – Officio Member
Tamla Blunt, Ex-Officio Member

Visitors: Dean Joyce Berry – Warner College of Natural Resources
Scott Webb– Warner College of Natural Resources
Jim Sites – College of Natural Sciences
Mike Antolin – College of Natural Sciences
Bob Kaempfe – CVMBS

I. Call to Order at 5:00 PM

- a. Jenna called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes from February 13th, 2014

- a. Lexi made a motion to approve the minutes from February 13th, 2014.
- b. Lance seconded.
- c. Motion approved.

III. Presentation – Scott Webb – Warner Auditorium

- a. Joyce Berry, Dean of Warner College of Natural Resources and Scott Webb, Director of Development at WCNR came to present.
- b. The addition to WCNR will be called “The Commons” because the area is a place for students of all disciplines to come and meet to discuss the issues of Natural Resources.
- c. Undergraduate numbers in WCNR have increased by 50% in the last 5 years and the total number of students in the College is now at 1800.
- d. The overall goal of the addition is to increase enrollment in the College.
- e. The design of the addition will mimic Colorado landscapes to give students a sense of learning in a nature-focused environment.
- f. Dean Berry explained that this will be the tallest building on campus and will be a resource for all students.
- g. The portion of the project that UFFAB could potentially fund is the 250-seat auditorium known as the “Centerpiece to the Commons”, a 3,270 square foot auditorium of general assignment learning space.
- h. Dean Berry explained that the auditorium will be used for special lectures and seminars across the university and will be available for citizens of Fort Collins, as well.
- i. The entire WCNR addition project budget - \$21 million
 - \$8 million has been secured from donors
 - \$2.9 million asked in other areas
 - \$7.5 committed University Support
 - \$2.5 million from UFFAB
- j. Scott Webb stated that he will reach out to Hewlett Packard for more donor contributions and equipment contributions. He also mentioned that if all funding comes through as expected, he hopes to break ground on the new project in the fall of 2014.
- k. Dean Berry opened the conversation for questions.
- l. Chelsey asked if there was a need for common areas for students on campus and if so, will the Warner addition accommodate for this need.
- m. Dean Berry answered, yes; there is definitely a need for more common space on campus. She indicated that “The Commons” will have roughly 20 or 30 different conference rooms and quiet areas for students to use.
- n. Lexi pointed out that UFFAB’s funding is for the auditorium only. Funding for the other areas of the building has already been secured in other ways.
- o. Pat noted that if UFFAB does choose to fund this auditorium, it would automatically become a general assignment space, per UFFAB Bylaws. The registrar’s office would then make the auditorium available for reservation for all of campus.
- p. Amber asked if WCNR was considering adding new programs to its curriculum.
- q. Dean Berry said yes. WCNR is finally catching up after the budget crisis in 2008, and is looking at adding new programs. A program focused on ecoscience was recently added to both the undergraduate and the graduate tracks. There is also a new Masters’ program in Tourism Management. The college is particularly interested in adding internationally focused programs.
- r. Amber asked if the new addition will house the geospatial centroid.
- s. Dean Berry answered that the geospatial centroid was once housed in WCNR but has been moved to the Morgan Library and will stay there.
- t. Alex asked if students will have access to the new building 24/7, like Morgan Library.
- u. Pat answered that the building could be programmed to have keyless access so that anyone with a Ram Card could enter the building at any time.

- v. Jenna thanked Dean Berry and Scott Webb for their presentation and then turned the attention of the Board to Dr. Mike Antolin and Dr. Jim Sites of the College of Natural Sciences.

V. Presentation – Mike Antolin and Jim Sites - Biology

- a. Dr. Mike Antolin, Chair of Biology Department, came to give the presentation to the Board.
- b. In the presentation, Dr. Antolin mentioned that Biology is the largest major on campus with 1500 students enrolled currently, and the department foresees a 33% increase in students over the next several years.
- c. The three major goals of the Biology Building are to improve current student retention, graduation rates, and to eliminate wait lists for all students needing to take a Biology course. The College is focused on student success.
- d. The new building will have 100,000 square feet of assignable space.
- e. The “Science on Display” concept will be included in the design of the building. There will be glass windows into labs so students can see the work that is being done. Dr. Antolin believes this will create an atmosphere of collaboration among students and faculty.
- f. CNS will try to repurpose the A/Z building to CVMBS.
- g. Total project budget – \$82 million
 - \$5-8 million anticipated from donors
- h. Dr. Antolin also mentioned the potential synergy with the state funded Chemistry building. Though the \$55 million Chemistry building has not yet been officially funded, Dr. Antolin and other predict that it soon will receive funding. The Biology building and the Chemistry building could be constructed at the same time to save costs and tear up the same part of campus only once.
- i. The presentation opened for questions.
- j. Jenna asked why the Biology building cost \$30 million more than the Chemistry building.
- k. Dr. Antolin answered that there are two reasons for higher costs – The Biology building will be bigger than the Chemistry building and will have more expensive vibration free floors for experiments. Chemistry will cost about \$800/sq.ft. and Biology will cost about \$600/sq.ft.
- l. Robert asked what will happen to Yates Hall.
- m. Dr. Antolin answered that the freshmen lab classes will be moved into Yates Hall.
- n. Chelsey asked if the Biology building will have space for TAs to meet, plan, and work, apart from their lab or research space.
- o. Dr. Antolin answered that the “Science on Display” rooms will allow for TAs to meet with one another as well as conduct research work without any students wandering into the room unexpectedly.
- p. Dr. Antolin also mentioned that most Biology students only come to A/Z to visit a professor in their office hours. Students do not hang out to meet or study in A/Z.
- q. Amber asked Dr. Antolin to clarify what he meant by increasing retention rates in the department.
- r. He explained that biology retention is less because interests change by focusing on other, more specific areas like microbiology. By increasing the space and resources for students, Dr. Antolin hopes the retention rate will also increase.
- s. Amber asked Dr. Antolin to summarize to a non-biology major why this project should happen .
- t. Dr. Antolin stated that the project will dramatically increase the amount of space for general assignment use, allowing for all students to come to a place where they feel welcome no matter what they are studying. Also, other colleges, specifically CVMBS, will benefit from the extra space of A/Z.
- u. Chelsey asked what the status of securing other fund sources is, and what is the back-up plan for the department if the funding does not come through.

- v. Dr. Antolin is currently preparing a development campaign to engage donors in contributing to the project. A certain amount of money
- w. Dr. Jim Sites added that in the case of the Computer Science Building, once the project was underway and donors could see the progress of construction, they were more willing to contribute and fundraising became much easier.
- x. Chelsey asked if there was extra money after the project was completed, would it be returned to UFFAB.
- y. Dr. Antolin answered that he does not anticipate extra money as there will be other areas needing funds.
- z. Steve suggested that a backup plan could be that the 5th floor of the building could be left in the "shell" state and other donors could contribute fund to fill in the shell later, like in the case of the Scott Bioengineering building.
- aa. Jenna asked for clarification about Yates.
- bb. Dr. Antolin said that lower level lab classes will be kept in Yates and upper level lab courses will be help in the new building.
- cc. Jenna thanked Dr. Antolin and Dr. Sites for their presentation and they left the room.

VI. Legitimacy Votes

- a. Before the vote was taken, Lexi clarified the information from the presentation, stating that the slides were slightly incorrect. There are 7860 students coming into the building to be served, which is very different from being the enrollment numbers of WCNR.
- b. Jenna called for a legitimacy vote on moving forward with pursuing the fee increase for the Warner auditorium.
- c. All in favor, none opposed, one abstained.
- d. Project legitimized – Warner auditorium
- e. Jenna called for a legitimacy vote on moving forward with pursuing the fee increase for the Biology building.
- f. 14 in favor, one opposed, one abstained
- g. When polled for reason of opposed vote, Matt Lancto responded, "I opposed the Biology legitimacy vote because the student leaders of my college aren't in support of any of the proposed funding solutions for the building, at present. Furthermore, we aren't willing to put the burden of such a high fee increase on the future students of our college or the university at large without much more serious attempts by the College of Natural Sciences and the Department of Biology to fund raise a substantial portion of the building through other avenues."

VII. Next meeting February 20th, 2014.