

University Facility Fee Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, February 26th, 2015 - 5:00-6:00 pm
303 GSB

Members present: Ashley Cypress- Chair
Sam Laffey- Vice Chair
Grace Fenske – College of Business
Brady Rink – College of Agricultural Sciences
Jeff Cook – Graduate College
Zack Alves - College of Health and Human Sciences

Associate Members present: Liz Danke – CVMBS
Garrett Stockton - College of Health and Human Sciences

Members at Large present: Jeff Seligman- CVMBS

Ex-Officio

Members Present: Pat Burns – Ex-Officio
Becca Wren- Staff Support
Savanna Bunnell- Staff Support

Presenters: Joyce Pratt – Fish and Wildlife Biology
Randall Boone – Warner College of Natural Resources

I. Call to order at 5:00 PM

- a. Meeting was called to order.

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Jeff Cook moved to approve the minutes from February 19th, 2015.
- b. Grace seconded
 - i. All approved
 - ii. None opposed
 - iii. None abstained
 - iv. Minutes approved

III. Presentation – Wagar Lobby Furniture Request

- a. Total Ask: **\$7,430.72**
- b. This project would create a lounge area in Wagar for students to sit and study.
- c. There is currently a severe seating shortage in the building; students are often sitting on the floor while studying or waiting for class/office hours.
- d. The Wagar building accommodates 3000+ students, students from within the Warner College of Natural Resources and from other colleges across campus.
- e. The proposed furniture would come from a CSU approved vendor and would include chairs, sofas, coffee tables, stackable chairs, benches, and stools.
- f. The benefits for students include space to study, the ability spend more time on campus, and contributes to the aesthetics in Wagar.

- g. If approved, the furniture would be ordered in May and installed by June.

Questions:

We just had a presentation for renovations within Wagar classrooms. Are you coordinating with that request to match furniture?

- i. The presenter was not aware of the Wagar remodels and couldn't address this question.

Where did the furniture that is in Wagar right now come from?

- i. Much of the furniture was brought in by staff members. It is all old, mismatched, and in poor quality.

Does this furniture in the hallways comply with the buildings fire code?

- ii. Facilities will review the plans and determine if the clearance of the hallways are compromised or if there are any other code violations.

IV. Legitimacy Vote – Wagar Lobby Furniture

- a. Jeff Cook moved to legitimize the project.
- b. Brady seconded
- c. All those in favor: 10
- d. All those opposed: 0
- e. Project is legitimized

V. Presentation – NESB Remodel

- a. Total Ask: **\$46,952**
- b. This is a proposal to remodel rooms A105 and A105B in the NESB building into an office for 30 graduate students and 3 undergraduate students.
- c. The space will include a meeting room, a mini-kitchen, a small informal meeting area/lounge, and individual workspaces for the students.
- d. NESB serves departments in the Warner College of Natural Resources, which originally had four departments but a fifth one was recently added - The Department of Ecosystem Science and Sustainability.
- e. Enrollment is increasing rapidly and a remodel of the rooms in NESB would allow for more offices and meeting space.
 - i. Currently, there is a waiting list for graduate student office space. Each office in A105 and A105B houses 4-5 staff members, which is very tight.
 - ii. Many faculty members don't have an office at all and work remotely from a laptop.
- f. For many years A105 was a server room, which the building was not designed to support. These computers have recently been moved to the Engineering building.
- g. Remodeling will occur in 2 phases.
 - a. **\$42,657** - Design and remodeling. The design plan is already complete. This phase will include HVAC removal, fresh paint, new carpet, other basic materials, and electrical and data cleanup. This phase was departmentally funded (not requested of UFFAB).
 - b. UFFAB's contribution would go towards installing the equipment for mini kitchen (\$7,949) and the most cost effective furniture design (\$39,003) for a total request of **\$46,952**.

Questions -

- a. How many graduate students are there right now?
 - i. There are 40 total and 30 are housed in NESB right now. Most students are in Ecology or Watershed Science.

- b. Would more graduate students be able to come in this department?
 - i. Yes, with this remodels, space would free up a lot and we would be much better prepared to handle enrollment growth.
- c. What becomes of the project if we choose not to fund you?
 - i. We will try to attain funding from the Dean's Office, though resources are tight there as well. We will find a way to complete this project.

VI. Legitimacy Vote:

- a. Jeff Cook expressed concerns over funding the kitchen portion of this project as it doesn't seem to fit any of the funding rules. Otherwise, he thought the project should be considered legitimate.
- b. Ashley agreed and also mentioned that the Board will be able to select portions of projects for funding.
- c. Jeff Cook moved to legitimize the project
 - i. Grace seconded
 - ii. All those in favor: 10
 - iii. All those opposed: 0
 - iv. Project is legitimized

Next Meeting – Thursday, March 5th, 2015 – 5:00-6:00 pm, BSB 105

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