

UFFAB Meeting Minutes
Thursday February 28, 2013
303 General Services Building

Members Present: Vincent Crespin, College of Liberal Arts, Chair
Jenna Muniz, ULC, Vice Chair
Hillary Brown, College of Applied Human Sciences
Alex Brown, College of Engineering
Lexi Evans, Warner College of Natural Resources
Kayln Miller, College of Business
Chelsey Crosse, Graduate School
Ryan Knodle, College of CVMBS

Members Not Present: Robert Harris, College of Natural Sciences

Members at Large Present: Andrew Olson, ASCSU Representative

Members at Large Not Present:

Associate Members Present:

Associate Members Not Present:

Ex – Officio Members Present: Toni Scofield, Staff Support
Lindsay Brown, Staff Support
Patrick Burns, Ex – Officio Member
Kristi Buffington, Manager for Space and Information Management,
Facilities Management
Tamla Blunt, Ex-Officio Member
Lindon Belshe, SFRB Liaison

Ex – Officio Members Not Present: Daphne Frey, Staff Support
Steve Hultin, Faculty Advisor

Visitors: Fred Haberecht, Acting Faculty Advisor, Facilities Mgmt.

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order.

II. Approval of Minutes from

Motion made to approve minutes by Andrew Olsen. Lexie Evans made second to the motion. All Board members were in favor of approving the minutes.

Minutes approved.

III. Chemistry Lobby Remodel: Dr. Lisa Dysleski, Chemistry Academic Advisor for Dr. Ellen Fisher; and Steve Kellums, Facilities Management Project Manager

Lisa Dysleski, who is the key academic advisor in the Chemistry Department, came before The Board to present the proposal for the Chemistry Building lobby remodel. Lisa described herself as a point contact for students struggling with Chemistry and a general Chemistry program coordinator. Lisa made a point that she is not visible from the entrance of the building which is a difficulty when it comes to advising. She also described two computers that are used for registration that are completely exposed in the main lobby offering no privacy to students seeking help with registration issues.

Lisa mentioned that the Chemistry program offers 29,000 student credit hours a semester and the Chemistry lobby, which is described as the gateway to Chemistry and Yates, sees 400 students per hour, and many students use the space for studying before classes. The presentation showed pictures of the current chemistry remodel showing the dark paint, mismatched chairs, dirty, stained carpets with crowded tables, little privacy, and poorly oriented computer monitors. Lisa genuinely believes the space is not conducive to academic functions.

Lisa described her goal for the lobby remodel to be more available and welcoming for students. The remodel would increase better utilization of the space for individuals and small groups, as well as, students meeting with advisors, or other faculty. She hopes the remodel will create an aesthetically pleasing place for students to study that offers better access to course and advising information, as well as, making the space more efficient and essentially improving CSU recruitment.

Per Hogestad, an architect of Facilities Management presented several conceptual drawings that showed a computer area with glass walls for privacy, a separate and more accessible advising office in the lobby, as well as study areas. He passed around carpet and wall design samples and demonstrated how different carpet patterns would be used to separate different study areas. Per also described how the image of a molecule would be incorporated into the carpet patterns, as well as on the walls in the form of sound boards. The color samples shown were green with plum purple accent colors and the carpets and flooring we recycled green material.

IV. Biology Building Presentation: Dean Jan Nerger, College of Natural Sciences; and Per Hogestad, Facilities Management Architect

Jan Nerger, Dean of College of Natural Sciences came before The Board to offer a soft presentation on the potential for a new Biology Building in the future, in hopes The Board would keep it on their radar. Jan described Biology as the biggest major on campus and she expects the major to just keep growing, especially because there are a lot of pre-health and med-school degree seeking students in the department. She stated the College of Natural Sciences is 16% of the student body and Biology is 37% of the college. Jan described her own plan for the biology department that aligned with the University's 2020 plan. She stated that there is currently not enough space for undergraduates to do any research and she would like the new building to help fulfill her commitment to not turning way any students in biology lab courses and to have more faculty and less GTA's teaching classes eventually.

Mike Hasd, Chair of Biology, stated that in the current biology space there are currently 50-60 students on independent study or internships, 100 student hourlies, 90 graduates, 150 honors students, and 1450 major student with 400 new freshman each year. Along with students directly related to Biology, more than half of the students on CSU campus each year have taken at least one Biology class for the AUCC and that there is just not enough room within the biology infrastructure to serve all the students who come through the program efficiently.

Joe Von Fisher described intentions for the building to include a large lecture hall, an entire floor dedicated to lower and upper division labs, including wet labs and computer labs, offices and suites for advising, as well as additional study areas where students can create networks that will shape their careers.

Per Hogestad then walked The Board through the conceptual designs for the building and explored the potential for a science mall and demonstrated how the biology building would act as an anchor for the science mall with the interior atrium acting as a guide way directly to the core of this science mall.

Jan stated that she is dedicated to the idea of this building and will do whatever it takes to get it built including college contributions, fundraising from alumni, donors, and corporations and foundations, as well as state funding and any possible CSU funding and she hopes The Board will keep this concept on their minds in years to come.

V. UFFAB Discussion/Legitimacy Vote

The Board discussed the legitimacy of the Chemistry Building lobby remodel and many agreed upon the use of the chemistry lecture hall among students and the need for the lobby remodel. Chelsey Crosse believes that the lobby appearance explains problems with keeping undergraduates. Vincent Crespin expressed his approval for having the staff be more visible and able to help students. He believes it says a lot about where the Chemistry department wants this project to take them and how it is truly student centered.

A motion was made by Andrew Olsen to approve the Chemistry Building Lobby Remodel for legitimization. Lexi Evans made a second to the motion. All Board members voted to approve the project for legitimization except Chelsey Crosse who abstained because of confusion over her connection to the Chemistry Department.

Chemistry Lobby Remodel project legitimization approved.

VI. Next Meeting: March 7, 2013 in 303 GSB.

VII. Adjourn