

UFFAB Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 6th, 2013
303 GSB

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
Jeff Cook, Graduate School
Amber Weimer, College of Natural Sciences
Matt Lancto, College of Liberal Arts
Matt Fergen, College of Business
Alex Brown, College of Engineering

Members Not Present: Lance Oles, College of Agricultural Sciences

Members at Large Present: Sam Guinn, ASCSU Representative

Members at Large Not Present:

Associate Members Present:

Associate Members Not Present: Riley Smith, College of Health and Human Sciences

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

Ex – Officio Members Not Present: Kristi Buffington, Facilities Management

Visitors: Gary Voss - Visual Arts
Milt Brown - Facilities Management

I. Call to Order at 5:02 PM

- a. Jenna called the meeting to order

II. Approval of Minutes from January 30th, 2014

- a. Lexi made a motion to approve the minutes from January 30th, 2014.
- b. Alex seconded.
- c. Motion approved.

III. Presentation - Gary Voss - Visual Arts

- a. Jenna welcomed Gary Voss to present regarding the Visual Arts Building Request.
- b. Gary first summarized the remodels within the Visual Arts Building, which were funded by UFFAB in 2010.
- c. Gary then presented the 3 areas in the building that still need remodels and repairs
 - i. A-Wing Pottery Studio - \$30K
 - ii. E- Wing Metalsmithing Studio - \$44K
 - iii. C- Wing Sculpture Studio - \$45K
 - iv. Total - \$119,000,000
- d. He estimates that the amount of students impacted/year = 324 Students
- e. During his presentation, Gary mentioned that he was seeking funding from other sources, such as the Health and Life Safety fund, in addition to UFFAB.
- f. Jeff asked about what stage Gary was in the process of solidifying the additional funding sources.
 - i. Gary answered that he is unsure of the schedule of the other funding sources but Steve and Amy Parsons have a better understanding of that process.
- g. Jenna asked if there were any trends in these majors, and asked for more details about the concentrations in the department.
 - i. Gary answered that there are 3 concentrations, but that the department is afraid to advertise these concentrations to attract more students because the building does not have enough room to accommodate more people.
 - ii. He added that the department would like to offer art classes to non-art majors but the current state of the building disallows for more students, especially those taking the class as an extracurricular.
- h. Jeff asked if Gary sees student concern about the condition of the building.
 - i. Gary answered that by the end of the year, the students are obviously very frustrated about the lack of a decent chair or comfortable facilities.
 - ii. Gary also mentioned that students working in the older areas of the building are jealous of the newly remodeled areas. They would like to see all areas of the building remodeled.
 - iii. Overall, the students have made it clear that they need more space.
- i. Jenna thanked Gary Voss for his time and he left the room.
- j. Jenna briefed the Board on the process of legitimizing projects. The Board will vote on each project proposal at least twice. The first vote is a legitimacy vote, which move the project along to the final round of voting, which will determine whether or not the Board will fund the project.
- k. Tamla added that when voting, the Board should not only consider the number of students served by the project, but also the quality of education that will come out of the project for the students.
- l. Pat added that the Board should consider the square footage of the project, the cost, and the number of students it will benefit.
- m. Jenna clarified that the vote that will occur today will be a vote to give the project a chance at the final vote; it will just be a legitimacy vote.
- n. Sam added that she thinks the art department is working in awful conditions.
- o. Michelle added that she sees this as a valid project, and sees value in how well they have used their money in the past. It would not only benefit the students and instructors, but the entire university could benefit from this project.
- p. Matt Lancto asked if anyone has ever had a class in Visual Arts. He has a class there this semester and knows that the conditions are very poor.
- q. Ashley said that she has seen how bad the lecture hall is.
- r. Jenna said in her opinion, this is a legitimate project.
- s. Jeff made a motion to legitimize the project.

- t. Lexi seconded the motion
- u. All approved, none opposed, none abstained.
- v. Motion passes: Visual Arts Project is legitimized.

IV. Discussion of meeting with Dr. Frank - Jenna

- a. Jenna began recapping the meeting with Dr. Frank.
- b. Steve explained the Biology and WCNR Addition - Costs, Debt, and Fee Analysis spreadsheet, which outlines by how much the fee would need to increase to support 80%, 90%, or 100% of the Biology and Warner Addition projects.
- c. Michelle asked for the final cost of the Biology Building.
- d. Amber explained that Biology has two different building plans with two different budgets. One plan only shows the building having 1 story, which is concerning. What if the department needs more lab space in 10 years? She stated that she thinks the Board should support the projects 100%, unless others think the fee increase is too much.
- e. Lexi added that Dr. Frank is making sure that we are not raising the fee too much, and he will cap the fees every year. Our fee, even with the increase, is still low compared to other Universities.
- f. Jeff asked if any tuition dollars could go towards these projects.
- g. Lindsay answered no, tuition dollars cannot go to fund remodels, repairs, or any other construction.
- h. Jenna called for more opinions regarding the fee increase.
- i. Amber added that just explaining the many benefits of both projects would get the support of students.
- j. Steve added that the Biology Building will bring in controlled maintenance dollars from the state to help fund any maintenance issues.
- k. Jenna added that the Board could choose not to fund the Warner Addition.
- l. Lexi defended the Warner project by explaining that the College has secured all \$21 million of the addition except for the 2.5 ask to UFFAB, which is impressive and should be rewarded.
- m. Pat added that never before has UFFAB had projects in consideration that have so much donor support. In simple terms, for every dollar the Board gives the two projects, a donor will give \$9 more.
- n. Jeff added that he supports the Warner project.

V. Discussion of College Council Presentation - Lexi

- a. In the interest of time, Jenna moved the conversation over to the College Council presentation.
- b. Lexi ran through the presentation for the College Councils, which briefly explain the process UFFAB is undertaking to investigate the feasibility of increasing the facility fee.
- c. She noted that the Board will be responsible for presenting to their college councils, but she will accompany them as backup.
- d. The goal of this presentation is to gain attendance to our open forum on February 24th, 2014 from 3:30-5:00 PM in the LSC North Ballroom.
- e. Alex asked if we should mention that we are outgrowing our campus as a whole. He thinks this is important to mention because the entire campus is growing, and there are a multitude of buildings that still need attention.

VI. Next meeting February 13th, 2014.

VII. Adjourn at 6:09 PM