

University Facility Fee Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 23rd, 2017

303 GSB

Members Present:

Tristan Syron	Chair
Nick Bohn	Vice-Chair
Rachel Largay	Warner College of Natural Resources
Kalyn Blach	College of Agriculture
Miriam Wagoner	College of Business
Amanda Evans	CVMBS
Jacob Royer	College of Natural Sciences
Jeff Cook	Graduate School

Member at Large Tyler Siri ASCSU

Associate Members Present:

Alex Stately	CVMBS
Raleigh Heekin	College of Health & Human Sciences
Shannon McNulty	Warner College of Natural Resources
Mauri Richards	College of Engineering
Grace Clark-Rabinowitz	College of Natural Sciences
Maggie Weinroth	Graduate School
Arnold Paeckler	Graduate School

Other Members Present:

Tom Satterly	Advisor
Tamla Blunt	Ex- Officio
Becca Mueller	Program Manager
Savanna Bunnell	Facilities Management
Dan Kozlowski	Facilities Management
Kristi Buffington	Facilities Management

1. Call to order

- a. Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Jeff moved to approve the minutes from the March 9th Meeting.
- b. Graced seconded.
 - i. All in favor: 8
 - ii. All opposed: 0
 - iii. All abstained: 1
- c. Minutes approved.

3. Jeff Cook took a straw poll to approve funding for University Green House 113 Classroom Remodel, Military Science Controlled Maintenance- HVAC Updating, and Visual Arts Building Exterior & Interior Improvements projects, for a total of **\$1,199,863**.

- a. 8 board members approved.

4. Jeff moved to approve funding for the University Green House 113 Classroom Remodel, Military Science Controlled Maintenance- HVAC Updating, and Visual Arts Building Exterior & Interior Improvements projects, for a total of **\$1,199,863**.

- a. Jacob seconded.

Discussion -

- i. Jeff explained that these top projects received top rankings from most board members, which shows general support and agreement about the value of the projects.
 - ii. Raleigh asked what the likelihood is of Visual Arts finding money from another source, seeing as how badly a remodel of this large facility is needed.
 1. Tristan explained that there is little chance that Visual Arts would be able to find another funding source other than UFFAB. The department doesn't have a large donor-base or bonding capacity.
 - iii. Tristan pointed out that the University Greenhouse project came to the Board last year with a funding request and, while the Board did not choose to fund the project last year, they did encourage them to come back this year. He reminded the Board to try to keep in mind what previous board members have supported and encouraged.
 - iv. Tyler explained that he has reservations about funding the Military Science Controlled Maintenance project because it is such a high dollar amount. If the Board chose not to this one project, they could fund several smaller projects, ultimately affecting more students.
 - v. Jacob said that there are 1,500 students that could be using Military Science in general assignment classrooms but are not because of the uncomfortable conditions.
 - vi. Grace explained that bigger, more-expensive projects often get pushed off another year and as a result, they become more expensive for the next year.
 - vii. Dan clarified that the Military Science proposal last year was for a HVAC system for the two general assignment classrooms and this year it is for the entire building. That is why the funding request is higher this year.
- b. All in favor to approve funding for University Green House 113 Classroom Remodel, Military Science Controlled Maintenance- HVAC Updating, and Visual Arts Building Exterior & Interior Improvements for a total of **\$1,199,863**: 6
 - c. All opposed: 2
 - d. All abstained: 1
 - e. Motion passed.
 - i. **UFFAB will fund the University Green House 113 Classroom Remodel, Military Science Controlled Maintenance- HVAC Updating, and Visual Arts Building Exterior & Interior Improvements projects, for a total of \$1,199,863.**
5. Tyler moved to remove the four lowest ranked projects (Mathematics Advising Center, Customer Service Area Remodel for Centennial Hall, College of Engineering Internet Café, and the Senior Capstone Design and Innovation Center) from funding consideration.
- a. Grace seconded
- Discussion -
- i. Jeff mentioned that although the Engineering Internet Café project is among those being eliminated, the Board could vote to bring it back into consideration for funding. He felt it is a good project and is a relatively low ask.
- b. All in favor: 8
 - c. All opposed: 0
 - d. All abstained: 1
 - e. Motion passed, projects removed from consideration.
6. Jeff moved to approve funding for the Clark A Classroom Renovation and Hallway Improvement project, for a total of **\$176,837**.
- a. Tyler seconded
- Discussion -
- i. Amanda emphasized that there is great need in this project. The rooms are heavily used and are in very poor condition, which is distracting to student's learning.

- ii. Jacob ask Dan the priority of general assignment classroom renovation need. In his opinion, Engineering B101 is in greatest need, then Glover 201. However, the Clark A basement classrooms are in equal need of renovation and are heavily used.
 - iii. Tom mentioned that the Glover building is on the University's demolition list within the next 5 years. This should be taken into the Board's consideration.
 - iv. Tyler pointed out that the College of Liberal Arts donation is proof that there is a lot of support for the renovation of this space.
 - v. Grace agreed and mentioned that she took a composition course in the basement and did not get as much as could have gotten out of the class because of the distracting conditions.
 - b. All those in favor to approve funding for the Clark A Classroom Renovation and Hallway improvement for a total of **\$176,837**: 7
 - c. All opposed: 0
 - d. All abstained: 2
 - e. Motion passed.
 - i. **UFFAB will fund the Clark A Classroom Renovation and Hallway Improvement project, for a total of \$176,837.**
7. Tyler moved to approve funding for the Modular Learning Spaces to Support Student Learning in Chemistry project, for a total of **\$119,550**.
- a. Grace seconded
 - Discussion -
 - i. Tyler explained his support for the project comes from the high DFW (drop, fail, withdraw) rates in the chemistry classes. This space will allow more room for tutoring and activities that will be helpful in reducing that rate.
 - ii. Arnold mentioned that in his experience as a Chemistry TA, that there are currently a number of spaces available for students to use for studying and interacting with TAs. He also mentioned that often times these TAs are sitting alone waiting for students to come. This space would not be necessary, although it would be helpful.
 - iii. Amanda asked Arnold if there is an influx of students asking for studying help around test time.
 - iv. Arnold explained that yes, there is an increase of students around testing time, in which case this extra space would be helpful. His explained that his point is that more space does not guarantee that more students would come and utilize it.
 - v. Raleigh shared that he felt the money would be better served elsewhere.
 - vi. Jeff and Shannon agreed, pointing specifically to the BSPM Graduate Student office space in particular.
 - b. Tyler retracted his motion. Funding was not approved for the Modular Learning Spaces to Support Student Learning in Chemistry project.
8. Jeff moved to approve funding for the Renovation of BSPM Graduate Student Office Renovation project, for a total of **\$100,049**.
- a. Kalyn seconded
 - Discussion -
 - i. Tyler felt that this project will not reach as much students as a renovation to a general assignment classroom.
 - ii. Shannon shared an experience she had working with a graduate student in this space and said there was no space to do any productive work.
 - iii. Miriam pointed out that while it might not be a large number of student affected directly by this space, the work that is done in this space generates grant money that does have an impact on a large number of students.
 - iv. Tristan mentioned that the Board has only funded one project in the past that has been directly for graduate student use.
 - b. All in favor to approve funding for the Renovation of BSPM Graduate Student Office Renovation project, for a total of **\$100,049**: 6

- c. All opposed: 1
- d. All abstained: 2
- e. Motion passed.

i. UFFAB will fund the Renovation of BSPM Graduate Student Office Renovation project, for a total of \$100,049.

9. Grace moved to remove the Glover 201 General Assignment Classroom Remodel project from funding consideration.

- a. Jeff seconded.
- b. All in favor: 8
- c. All opposed: 0
- d. All abstained: 1
- e. Motion passed, Glover 201 removed from consideration.

10. Tristan explained that after a review by the Finance Director in Facilities Management, the Board has the ability to spend to \$1 million dollars from the bond side of the budget to put towards cash funded projects this year. The Board can decided to spend some money this year with very little impact to bonding capacity or choose to save it for the Board next year.

- a. Tom mentioned that at the previous President's Student Financial Advisory Council meeting, the Provost announced that there was a slight drop in spring enrollment. Enrollment is something to keep in mind when thinking about saving money for next year's board to ensure adequate funding.
- b. Tyler mentioned that he supports funding some of the other projects from the bonded side of the budget, specifically the general assignment classrooms.

11. Jeff moved to approve funding for the Engineering B101 General Assignment Classroom Remodel project, for a total of \$104,712.

- a. Grace seconded.
Discussion -
 - i. Grace asked what will happening to the Engineering B101 technology funding if UFFAB does not fund the classroom remodel.
 - ii. Dan explained that the technology would be relatively useless without the reorientation of the room. If UFFAB does not fund the renovation, a new plan for technology installation will need to be created.
- b. All those favor to approve funding for for Engineering B101 General Assignment Classroom Remodel for a total of \$104,712: 9
- c. All those opposed: 0
- d. All abstained: 0
- e. Motion passes
 - i. **UFFAB will fund the Engineering B101 General Assignment Classroom Remodel project, for a total of \$104,712.**

12. Tyler moved to approve funding for the Wagar 132 and 133 General Assignment Classroom Remodel project, for a total of \$235,007 (room 132 and room 133 combined).

- a. Rachel seconded.
Discussion -
 - i. Jacob expressed his support, because these classrooms continually return to the Board as funding requests. Also, renovation these classrooms will finish the general assignment classroom remodels in Wagar.
- b. All in favor to approve funding for Wagar 132 and 133 General Assignment Classroom Remodel for a total of \$235,007: 8
- c. All opposed: 0
- d. All abstaining: 1
- e. Motion passes

- i. **UFFAB will fund the Wagar 132 and 133 General Assignment Classroom Remodel project, for a total of \$235,007.**

13. Tristan moved to remove Modular Learning Spaces to Support Student Learning in Chemistry from funding consideration.
- a. Miriam seconded.
 - b. All in favor: 8
 - c. All opposed: 1
 - d. All abstaining: 0
 - e. Motion passed, Modular Learning Spaces to Support Student Learning in Chemistry project removed from consideration.
14. Jeff moved to approve funding for the College of Engineering Internet Café Remodel for a total of \$30,000.
- a. Mauri seconded
Discussion -
 - i. Mauri explained that many courses in Engineering require software that is expensive to buy but is installed in the computer's in the Engineering building. Currently, the Internet Café is always heavily utilized so a renovation would have a great impact.
 - ii. Jacob mentioned that he would rather see this project come back as part of a renovation of the Engineering Building.
 - b. All in favor to approve funding for the College of Engineering Internet Café Remodel for a total of \$30,000: 7
 - c. All opposed: 0
 - d. All abstaining: 2
 - e. Motion passed.
 - i. **UFFAB will fund College of Engineering Internet Café Remodel for a total of \$30,000.**
 - f. Jeff moved to finalize the current list of approved funding, moving all other projects to the "unfunded" section of the ranking table.
 - g. Raleigh seconded
 - h. All those in favor: 9
 - i. All opposed: 0
 - j. All abstaining: 0

15. Projects Approved for Funding:

a. University Greenhouse 113 Classroom Remodel -	\$351,993
b. Military Science Controlled Maintenance - HVAC Updating -	\$580,712
c. Visual Arts Building Exterior & Interior Improvements -	\$267,158
d. Clark A Classroom Renovation and Hallway Improvement -	\$176,838
e. Renovation of BSPM Graduate Student Office -	\$100,049
f. Engineering B101 General Assignment Classroom Remodel -	\$104,712
g. Wagar 133 Classroom Renovations -	\$143,716
h. Wagar 132 Classroom Renovations -	\$91,291
i. College of Engineering Internet Café Remodel –	\$30,000

Total Approved Funded Amount: \$1,846,470

Next meeting is Thursday, March 30th in GSB 303.