

UFFAB Meeting Minutes
Thursday 24 March 2011
Room 303, General Services Building

Members Present: Tamla Blunt, Graduate School, Chair
Brittany Bernard, Warner College of Natural Resources
Matt Baca, College of Applied Human Sciences
Vincent Crespin, College of Liberal Arts
Joseph Garcia, College of Business
Lisa Vigil, College of Natural Sciences
Jenna Muniz, ULC

Members Not Present: Jesse Jankowski, College of Engineering, Vice Chair
Lizzy Wolfson, College of Agricultural Sciences
Laura Bishop, College of Vet. Med. & Bio. Med.

Members at Large Present: Justin Safady, College of Business

Associate Members Present: Teresa Molello, College of Applied Human Sciences
Christopher Johnson, College of Business
Jacob Medina, College of Natural Sciences
Hilary Smith, College of Vet. Med. & Bio. Med.

Associate Members Not Present: Elan Alford, Graduate School

Ex – Officio Members Present: Toni Scofield, Staff Support
Lindsay Brown, Staff Support

Ex – Officio Members Not Present: Eric Berlinger, SFRB Liaison
Patrick Burns, Ex – Officio Member
Brian Chase, Faculty Advisor

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order.

II. Approval of Minutes from 10 March 2011

A motion was made to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

III. Presentations for Small Cash Funded Projects

- a. **COB: Rockwell Hall West Student Study Areas: Presented by: Ernie MacQuiddy, Asst. to Dean, Jon Schroth, Asst. Manager, and College of Business students Matt Hoppal, Dean's Council and Chase Evans, Real Estate Club**

Matt Hoppal and Chase Evans introduced themselves and stated their roles as the President of the College of Business Election Council and the President of the Real Estate club.

Matt Hoppal began by updating the Board on the Room 38 classroom remodel in the College of Business that UFFAB funded last year and thanked them for their funding. He showed before and after pictures of the room and said that the remodel has received positive student and faculty comments.

Matt Hoppal stated that the first part of the presentation would be to propose creating individual study areas in Rockwell Hall West. He stated that the College of Business needs more individual study spaces. The current study spaces in the college are highly geared toward team collaboration and are located in very high traffic areas which tend to be very loud. He stated that there is very minimal amount of individual study spaces in the College of Business and that studying at the Library is difficult because of the noise and high traffic of the Library as well as the fact that students prefer to stay close to the College of Business for printing and other reasons.

Matt Hoppal stated that Rockwell Hall West has a basement that is very isolated and is currently being used as storage. He commented that the new study spaces would benefit students both within and outside of the College of Business because of the locations of the building on the north side of campus and the 2,000 majors and 1,500 minors in Business programs at Colorado State University.

Matt Hoppal presented a line by line budget to the Board for them to look over. The total for the project is \$86,815.

Jacob Medina asked if students in the College of Business know where the rooms to be remodeled are.

Matt Hoppal replied that a lot of students know that the basement is quiet for studying and word of mouth would increase knowledge of the study areas.

Chase Evans commented that in Rockwell there are large television screens that display announcements that could announce the new study rooms to students, as well as sending an email to all of the students in the College of Business to inform them of the new study areas.

b. COB: Room 139 Remodel: Presenters: Ernie MacQuiddy, Asst. to Dean and Jon Schroth, Asst. Manager, College of Business

Chase Evans stated that he would be presenting the proposal for the remodel of Rockwell Hall Room 139. He stated that the room was originally used for taping of MBA classes for distance learning. In order to benefit the design of that system there was a fabric wall built in front of the windows to prevent a glare from the windows. However, the room is no longer used for this purpose

Chase Evans stated that room has a cave like feeling and both teachers and students request not to have classes in the classroom. The windows are in very bad shape and the outside paint is chipping. The classroom is a 50 seat classroom that is usually vacant.

Chase Evans commented that their proposal would be to remove the interior wall and replace the existing windows with more energy efficient ones. The windows and paint in the old section of the building is breaking apart and is in bad shape.

Chase Evans stated that the total renovation would cost \$67, 188 and this budget includes removing the wall and putting in the new windows. This budget is also less than the previous budget given to the Board because the proposal now does not include the two electric projector screens from the original proposal.

Chase Evans mentioned that over ten organizations in the College of Business endorse the projects for the benefit of students. The Board looked over pictures of the existing conditions from the original proposal packets.

Matt Hoppal introduced Ernie MacQuiddy and Jon Schroth.

Ernie MacQuiddy commented on the sense of community within the College of Business. He stated that the Dean of the college hopes to keep students in the College of Business buildings to enhance the sense of community and feels that the study areas would reinforce the community of the College of Business.

No further questions were asked. The presenters thanked the Board for their time and attention.

c. Discuss Three Engineering Requests Presented at March 10, 2011 Meeting

Tamla Blunt provided the Board with an Excel spreadsheet that demonstrated each project individually and demonstrated the total cost of each project broken down by how many students would benefit. The chart showed only previously legitimized proposals.

Tamla Blunt also commented on how the Anthropology Department was approved by UTFAB for their technology requests in the Clark A Labs.

Tamla Blunt read the email that Dean Woods sent with her prioritization of the Engineering proposals.

1. MIL Phase I
2. MERC Phase I
3. MIL Phase II (Taking of the office space of people who may not leave the area until the Engineering II Building is built.)
4. Collaboration Spaces in Engineering I
5. MIL Engineering B08 Remodel
6. Paving the parking lot of the MERC site.

Vincent Crespín stated since MERC is off campus it is not a good use of money.

Tamla Blunt proposed the possibility of Phase I without the parking lot because paving parking lots is not in UTFAB criteria. She stated that the renovation of MERC is \$284,000, however, it would only serve between 100 and 120 students, most doing senior capstones. Therefore, how many students does it really benefit?

Lisa Vigil mentioned that graph that showed use.

Tamla Blunt stated that Dean Woods mentioned in the email that the students have received a grant for ECOcar and the renovation would support that.

Justin Safady expressed that he feels that the first priority is the safety of the students and how the new building is being built so moving the MIL there is a lost cause however; it is a possibility for funding to keep students safe.

Joseph Garcia stated that he felt that the MERC was simply a research lab and it supports fewer students because of its location.

Tamla Blunt stated because it is in fact a research lab it does not support many undergraduates.

Justin Safady brought up that Engineering presenters mentioned that they had already worked on the ECOcar and now Dean Woods brought up that they are working on it again.

Justin Safady made a motion to approve the MIL Phase I renovations. Joseph Garcia seconded the motion. MIL Phase I renovations proposal was legitimized. This proposal was ultimately legitimized by the Board because of concerns of student's safety.

Tamla Blunt brought up the Phase II remodel and stated that the Foundry would not be moved until after Engineering II was built and so Engineering would have

money sitting around waiting for two years. She recommended that Engineering come back when Engineering II is built.

Justin Safady and Lisa Vigil made a motion not to approve funding for MIL Phase II. Motion was approved and MIL Phase II was not legitimized. College of Engineering can bring this item back to UFFAB for funding consideration after the Engineering II Building is completed.

Tamla Blunt opened discussion on the MERC proposal.

Justin Safady stated that he understands the need but that the UFFAB guidelines do not fit the proposal.

Brittany Bernard felt that UFFAB should focus on funding more on-campus projects.

Justin Safady stated that UFFAB money should also go to the benefit of more undergraduate students as well.

Lisa Vigil stated that the MERC is only used by Mechanical Engineering students which decreases student benefit and directed attention to the budget pointing out that it had an almost \$3000 per student cost.

Joseph Garcia and Matt Baca made a motion to not approve funding of MIL Foundry renovations. Motion approved.

Tamla Blunt stated that Engineering needs to go to parking services about paving the MERC parking lot.

Brittany Bernard and Justin Safady made a motion to not approve funding of paving the MERC parking lot. Motion approved.

Tamla Blunt opened discussion for the Engineering Collaboration Spaces. She stated that it was Engineering's lowest priority and pointed out that each individual chair for the spaces costs \$752.

Jacob Medina stated that students do not need luxury furniture to study.

Toni Scofield stated that Brian Chase said that much cheaper furniture could be found.

Tamla Blunt proposed a partial legitimization that would include legitimizing the collaboration spaces if Engineering brought the furniture cost down.

Vincent Crespín stated that he felt the Board should at least give Engineering the opportunity to bring the cost down.

Tamla Blunt opened discussion on the banners for Engineering hallways.

Vincent Crespin stated that he did not believe that anyone was in favor of the banners.

Tamla Blunt stated that she felt it did not really solve the wayfinding problem.

Vincent Crespin commented that they would still have a problem of not having navigation and that Engineering should find another form of directional help.

Joseph Garcia proposed legitimizing the collaboration spaces if Engineering can bring down the cost of the furniture but he does not support the banners.

Justin Safady and Jenna Muniz made a motion to not legitimize Engineering banners but to legitimize funding for collaboration spaces with the furniture price contingency. Motion approved.

College of Engineering Proposals

MIL Phase I Renovations: Legitimized

MIL Foundry Move: Not Legitimized

MERC Phase I Renovations: Not Legitimized

MERC Parking Lot Pavement: Not Legitimized

Collaboration Spaces: Legitimize with furniture price contingency.

Banners: Not Legitimized

d. Board Discussion of 400-Seat Lecture Hall Concept

Tamla Blunt stated that Behavioral Sciences Building's largest lecture all seats 275 people. Yet people want a large lecture hall to seat 450 people. She stated that if it was built UFFAB would have enough money to pay cash for it and it would not have to go to bonds, nor would it require student fees. She stated that Brian Chase picked out locations on campus where the lecture hall could be built. She hung a poster of campus up and pointed to all the potential building sites. She stated that it is just an idea being thrown out for discussion and that by next year UFFAB will have \$7,000,000 in cash reserves. She stated that the lecture hall would be approximately \$2,000,000 to build.

The lecture hall would be a free standing lecture hall with restrooms and would be open to all majors. Many core major classes would like to have larger classes and fewer sections.

Vincent Crespin asked what other kinds of classes would be held in the hall.

Tamla Blunt stated that classes such as Psychology 100, Sociology 100, AUCC core classes, sciences for non-majors, and liberal arts large classes would be held there.

Justin Safady stated that he understands the need but thinks that discussion should be postponed until a more concrete plan is formulated.

Lisa Vigil stated that she knows people who have expressed concern of classes already being too large and wonders if that is really best for the students.

Tamla Blunt stated that UFFAB should find out opinions from student review Boards and teachers.

Lisa Vigil stated that she thinks that many classes held in Clark A 101 may not be all the way full now and that she has classes in A101 that do not fill the room.

Jenna Muniz stated that biology for non major classes are classes that a lot of students need to take.

Lisa Vigil stated that professors still need to be engaged in teaching the students and wonders if that can happen in such a large classroom.

Justin Safady commented on how CSU is raising freshman class levels, and that once CSU reaches the 30,000 student mark there will be no way around 400 person classes.

Tamla Blunt stated that Brian Chase had mentioned tearing down the Stock Pavilion however, that location would only give the building maybe five or six years because that site is a potential site for the new Biology Building.

Joseph Garcia suggested that more classes be held at night because 400 students mean 400 other distractions in class.

Tamla Blunt stated that some teachers just will not change their teaching habits and times.

Justin Safady suggested that maybe instead of one 400 seat classroom that more 200 seat classrooms are built as a compromise.

Tamla Blunt suggested building 2-200 seat lecture halls with a removable wall for special events.

Lisa Vigil commented that some classes might be ok in a 400 seat lecture hall but large upper level classes are hard to keep up in.

Jenna Muniz brought up the idea of hiring more faculty or having existing teachers pick up more classes, however, she was concerned about how that would fit into the budget and how there is no control over teachers and their working hours.

Joseph Garcia commented on using the Lory Student Center Theater for special events.

Justin Safady stated that the theater now only seats 300 and after the renovations it will be even smaller.

Tamla Blunt stated that the theater is not used for a student classroom either.

Lisa Vigil proposed using the theater in the UCA for special events.

Tamla Blunt stated that the theater is small for an intimate theater experience but it is too small for a 400-seat classroom. She suggested that more information should be found from professors and student Boards to help the Board feel more informed about making a decision.

Tamla Blunt brought up the number of proposals that trickled in even past the due date. She stated that UTFAB uses a submittal sheet and commented on how she would like to use a similar sheet for proposals for UFFAB. She also suggested splitting proposals up into two sections, one in fall and one in spring. This would ease the rush of getting through proposals in the spring semester.

Toni Scofield stated that if UFFAB takes final votes on projects and funding at the April 7, 2011 meeting and get those votes to the SFRB Board then they will consider them at their August 11, 2011 meeting and provide recommendations to ASCSU and the Vice President for Administrative Services so that funding can begin sooner.

Tamla Blunt stated that Brian Chase and she are going to SFRB Monday night to tell them about the projects that have already been legitimized for funding.

Joseph Garcia reminded the Board that voting on College of Business proposals still needed to take place.

Justin Safady commented that he had to leave however; he wanted to state that the cave room in Rockwell is an awful classroom, the lights are super dim, there are no windows, it is an awful learning environment, and the projectors do not work. As for the study spaces he stated in order to study alone in the College of Business a student would have to go upstairs, however, upstairs there are only tables that seat four people and most are taken up or a student is sitting alone taking up a space that is meant for four people. He also mentioned that when there are groups working together it can get very loud and lots of students from other colleges also come to the College of Business to study as well.

Lisa Vigil stated that she believes if the study spaces were built that they would be used.

Tamla Blunt commented that the budget is mostly furniture because the study carrels are costly to build.

Laura Vigil and Vincent Crespín made a motion to legitimize the student study areas in the College of Business. Motion approved.

Joseph Garcia commented that the classroom in Rockwell is a really awful classroom that feels so depressing to enter and has a green felt wall.

Vincent stated that the only classrooms he has seen that are worse than the Rockwell classroom are the Clark A Anthropology Labs.

Tamla Blunt stated that she feels they really need to be renovated.

Vincent Crespín and Matt Baca proposed to legitimize the Rockwell Room 139 proposal for funding. Motion approved.

College of Business Proposals
Rockwell Study Areas: Legitimized
Rockwell Room 139: Legitimized

IV. Next Meeting: 7 April 2011 @ 5pm in 303 General Services Building

V. Adjourn

Motion made to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned.