

University Facility Fee Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, March 26th, 2015 - 5:00-6:00 pm

303 GSB

Members present: Ashley Cypress - Chair
Sam Laffey- Vice Chair
Grace Fenske – College of Business
Clayton King – College of Liberal Arts
Rachel Largay- Warner College of Natural Resources
Annalis Norman- CVMBS
Brady Rink – College of Agricultural Sciences
Zack Alves - College of Health and Human Sciences
Jessica Boyd – College of Engineering
Jeff Cook – Graduate College

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

Members at Large present: Jeff Seligman- CVMBS

Ex-Officio

Members Present: Steve Hultin - Advisor
Pat Burns – Ex-Officio
Tamla Blunt – Ex-Officio
Becca Wren- Staff Support
Savanna Bunnell- Staff Support

Presenters: Ed Peyronnin – College of Agricultural Sciences
Kurt Kraiger – Department of Psychology

I. Call to order at 5:00 PM

- a. Meeting was called to order.

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Jeff Seligman moved to approve the minutes from March 19th, 2015.
- b. Jeff Cook seconded.
- c. All approved, none opposed, none abstained.
- d. Minutes approved.

III. Presentation – VTH Clinical Research Labs

- a. Total ask – **\$87,000**
- b. **Total cost per student = \$322**
- c. This project is already complete. The submitters are requesting a reimbursement of the \$87,000, which will be dedicated to another project.
- d. The project was completed for accreditation needs.
- e. The completed project converted an underutilized lounge space into 3 group study areas.

- f. This space benefits about 130 students in each class, but it is mostly used by the 3rd and 4th year students.
- g. The facility was built in 1978 and lacks areas with projection capabilities where presentations could be practiced without disrupting others.
 - i. There were no places for presentations or mock interviews.
- h. The reimbursed funds will be used to swap the library and cafeteria space and renovate both.
- i. Getting this reimbursement will make the difference of the cafeteria project being completed in 2015 or 2016.

Questions:

- a. Are you fundraising?
 - i. Yes, fundraising efforts are underway. The current total is just under \$400,000 to complete the swap. CVMBS is actively fundraising but won't be able to get it all this year so the \$87,000 request will go a long way. CVMBS has exchange WICHE money in funds that can be used but matching funds are required.
- a. How long will this project take to be completed?
 - i. The project must be completed over the summer as to not disturb academic sessions. If the project doesn't begin in May 2015, it will have to wait until May 2016.
- a. With this help with the accreditation next time?
 - i. Yes, this project will help the accreditation process tremendously. The next process begins in 7 years.
- a. Will the cafeteria vendors help fund this project or is it all on the College?
 - i. The vendors are going to help fund the cosmetics and furniture. They will not contribute to infrastructure though.

IV. Presentation – Eddy Furniture

- a. Total ask: **\$206,066**
- b. Funds will be used to provide furniture and technology to several labs and classrooms in Eddy.
- c. Eddy Hall is one of the key buildings on campus and sees thousands of students in a year.
- d. The renovation project will be complete around the end of March, beginning of April and faculty will begin moving back in towards the end of May.
- e. The building is home to 3 academic departments, English, Philosophy and Ethnic Studies.
- f. The request is to supplement the missing technology upgrades and furniture.
- g. Graduate students, undergraduate students, capstone, seminars, and conference rooms will all be enhanced.
- h. Room 202C request: 10,385 (\$1.13 per student)
 - i. Upgrades include a flat screen, monitor, webcam and supporting equipment table.
- i. Eddy 300 computer lab request: \$62,276 (\$2.13 per student)
 - i. New modular unites and monitors station.
 - ii. Eddy 300 is a very communal space and the design allows for collaboration and movement.
- j. Eddy 2&4: \$41,912 (\$6.33 per student)
 - i. English controlled computer classrooms.
 - ii. Flex tables and portable chairs
- k. University Writing Center: (\$17,000, \$3.14 per student).
 - i. The writing center is extensively used across campus and by many different departments. International and STEM classes rely on the help of the writing center.

- ii. New modular furniture and welcome desk and chair.
- l. Eddy's Eddies: \$74,493, (\$7.10 per student)
 - i. Off-hallway gathering spots on the first second and third floor. Spaces before and after class for people to work together.
- m. Eddy is crucial for all students and this project is based on student need and student supported.

Questions:

- a. If we can only fund a portion of this project, which portion would you consider to be a priority?
 - i. Eddy 300 has the most impact to students so that is a top priority. Eddy's Eddies are also a priority.

V. Legitimacy Vote

VTH Clinical Research-

- a. Ashley was concerned that the presentation given to UFFAB about the switching of the cafeteria and library is not the proposal outlined and approved in the request. What will be voted upon is the reimbursement, not the cafeteria project.
- b. Jeff Cook explained that he did not see anything in the bylaws that disallows reimbursement and did not see issue with the project.
- c. Jeff Seligman made the point that other proposals made adjustments from the proposal to the presentation.
- d. Ashley asked why they asked for a reimbursement for an already completed project as opposed to the proposal for the new project.
- e. Jeff stated that he saw this proposal as a more effective proposal and he would more likely support reimbursement because it would allow the department to use it somewhere else.
- f. Sam explained that his biggest concern is there are not approvals for the project that UFFAB's money would be funding.
- g. Annalis clarified that the Board would only be approving the reimbursement, not the new project.
- h. Jessica Boyd pointed out that we do have limited resources and that the College was able to find funding without UFFAB, whereas other projects cannot find other sources.
- i. Brady asked if there has been a reimbursement in UFFABs history.
 - i. Steve answered that there was a supplemental request from HES made legitimate earlier this year, but he did not think there has been a reimbursement.
 - ii. The HES supplemental proposal will pay off a loan.
- j. Jeff Cook said that the proposal was very clear that this is a reimbursement so it seems clear and valid as per bylaw number 7.
- k. Garrett stated that he thought it was legitimate but that he probably wouldn't vote fund it. He also said he didn't think it was the Board's responsibility to decide what the department decides to do with their money should we choose to reimburse the project.
- l. Ashley made the point that we would not be able to hold them to anything, and a huge part of UFFAB is making the decision of where the money will go specifically. Because is already built, UFFAB has no control or input on the project.
- m. Pat Burns pointed out that the bylaws use the language "proposed project" not "completed project".
- n. The board clarified that they will be voting on proposed project of reimbursement not on the planned project of switching the cafeteria and library.
 - i. Sam moved to legitimize proposal.
 - ii. Jeff Cook seconded
 - iii. All those is favor: 9
 - iv. All those opposed: 1

v. The proposal is legitimized

Eddy Furniture -

i. Jeff Seligman moved to legitimize the proposal.

ii. Sam seconded

iii. Jeff Cook made an amendment to exclude all technology from the legitimacy vote.

iv. Sam seconded

v. All those in favor of the amendment: 10

vi. All those opposed: 0

vii. The proposal is legitimized

Next Meeting – Thursday, April 2nd – 5:00-6:00 pm – 303 GSB