

University Facility Fee Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, April 9th, 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: Garrett Stockton - College of Health and Human Sciences

Members at Large present: Jeff Seligman- CVMBS
Rachel Franz – College of Liberal Arts

Ex-Officio

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

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 April 2nd, 2015.
- b. Grace seconded.
- c. All approved, none opposed, none abstained.
- d. Minutes approved.

III. Voting Process Discussion

- a. Group A will represent the projects ranked within the budget of \$600,000.
- b. A motion must be made to move a project up to group A.
 - i. If the motion breaks the budget, a substitution must be proposed.
 - ii. If the motion does not break the budget, a project does not need to be moved down in its place.
- c. At any point of the meeting, the Board can make a motion to approve group A as is.
- d. The Board can begin making motions to move projects into groups, with discussion to follow.

IV. Project #19 – COB Furniture

- a. Clayton made a motion to move Project #21, College of Business Furniture, to Group A.
- b. Grace seconded.

- i. Clayton said that this is a reasonable request given the budget, and the College of Business has contributed significantly more than \$5,000 in Facility Fees. He also pointed out that this is the only request from the College of Business up for consideration.
- ii. Jeff Cook argued that because this project is so small the College could find the money to fund it.
- iii. Grace pointed out that because of the new Dean, it is unlikely this will be a priority project. She also reiterated how much this will help the College of Business.
- c. All those in favor: 10
- d. All those opposed: 1
- e. All those abstained: 0
- f. Motion passed.
- g. The project will move up to group A.

V. Project #17 –Johnson 222 Flipped Classroom Option 1

- a. Jeff Seligman made a motion to move Project #17, Johnson 222 Option 1, up to group A.
- b. Annalis seconded.
 - i. Jeff Seligman said that this project will affect the most students and is one of the cheapest per student cost. He also pointed out that it is faculty supported.
 - ii. Annalis reiterated to the group that the classroom right now is too large to be functional and that dividing the classroom in half will improve the learning environment significantly.
 - iii. Grace said that this style of classroom has proven to work so the size of the classroom should not merit an “opposed” vote.
 - iv. Sam said that there is no other space on campus that can accommodate a flipped classroom of this size so the project is worth funding.
 - v. Clayton thought this was an effective way to reach a lot of students and help lower the DWF rate.
 - vi. Jeff Cook explained that his hesitation with funding this project is because the classroom is not on our priority list of bad classrooms, whereas other proposals are. He said he understands the value of a flipped classroom, but there are rooms that are in greater need of renovation.
 - vii. Jeff Seligman disagreed and said as the room stands right now, it is very difficult to hear and see the professor. While it is not on the condition list, it still is in pretty bad shape.
 - viii. Steve mentioned that it is not in the queue of rooms that need remodels because the condition is considered fair. The functionality, however, is questionable.
 - ix. Garret said he did not foresee the space being improved by flipped classroom furniture. The room will still be a large room, only now with a variety of furniture.
 - x. Clayton countered by saying splitting the classrooms into two will allow the space to be utilized properly.
- c. All those in favor: 7
- d. Opposed: 4
- e. Abstained: 0
- f. The motion passed.
- g. The project will be moved to group A.

VI. Project #15 - Wagar Furniture

- a. Sam made a motion to move Project #15, Wagar Lobby Furniture, up to group A under the condition that they accept the changes per fire code that the code official deems necessary to be up to all codes.
- b. Clayton seconded
 - i. Sam was concerned about the code violations found in the submitted design, but if corrected, he felt that this was an inexpensive way to improve the conditions of the Wagar hallways.

- ii. Clayton mentioned he has seen students sitting on the floor while studying or waiting for class because there is nowhere else to sit. This furniture will give them the space they need and help to decrease clutter in the hallways.
- c. All those in favor: 11
- d. All those opposed: 0
- e. All those abstained: 0
- f. Motion passed
- g. The project will be moved up to group A.

VII. Project #10 in place of Project #5

- a. Jeff Cook made a motion to move Project #10, Wagar 133 up to group A in place of Project #5, Microbiology A101.
- b. Rachel Franz seconded.
 - i. Jeff Cook pointed out that the Wagar classroom is ranked higher in terms of need and it is a cheaper cost per student, as well as over all cost.
 - ii. Jeff Seligman said that he has had multiple classes in Microbiology classrooms 108 and 101 and they are the worse he has ever had.
- c. All those favor: 1
- d. All those opposed: 8
- e. All those abstained: 2
- f. Motion failed.
- g. The project will remain in group B.

VIII. Project #20 in place of Project #5.

- a. Brady made a motion to move Project #20, Shepardson Computer Lab, up to group A in place of Project #5, Microbiology A101.
- b. Garret seconded
 - i. Brady explained that the HVAC really needs to be replaced because it is loud and distracting to students. If this is fixed, it will help with recruitment for the College of Agriculture. Brady also pointed out that the university was built around the College of Agriculture, and Shepardson is an old building that has needed renovations for years.
 - ii. Annalis argued that Microbiology A101 classroom would serve a greater and more diverse population of students.
 - iii. Ashley pointed out that the computer lab in Shepardson is used by students all across campus. She also mentioned that the majority of the projects already funded are general assignment.
- c. All those in favor: 4
- d. All those opposed: 6
- e. All those abstained: 1
- f. Motion failed
- g. The project will remain in group B.

IX. Clayton moved to approve Group A as it stands.

- a. Jeff Seligman seconded.
 - i. Jeff Cook asked Steve if we would be able to give the remaining funds (\$34,611) to Shepardson, and if so would it be enough to help with the needed renovations.
 - ii. Steve explained that facilities would seek matching funds from Administration, and that replacing HVAC units receive a lot of support.
- b. All those in favor: 11

- c. All those opposed: 0
- d. All those abstained: 0
- e. Motion passed.
- f. Group A is accepted.

X. Jeff Cook moved to allocate the remaining funds (\$34,611) to Project #20, Shepardson Computer Labs.

- a. Brady seconded
- b. All those in favor: 11
- c. All those opposed: 0
- d. All those abstained: 0
- e. Motion passes
- f. The remaining funds will be allocated to Project #10, Shepardson Computer Lab.

XI. Projects Approved for Funding

- a. \$ 44,251 – Atmospheric Science - Teaching Lab
- b. \$ 164,063 – Wagar 232 - GA Classroom Remodel
- c. \$ 231,492 – Microbiology A101 - GA Classroom Remodel
- d. \$ 35,370 – Visual Arts - E-Wing Remodel
- e. \$ 77,742 – Johnson Hall 222 - Flipped Classroom
- f. \$ 7,431 – Wagar – Lobby Furniture
- g. \$ 5,040 – College of Business – Graduate Student Furniture
- h. \$ 34,611 – Shepardson – Computer Labs
 - i. (partial funding of \$167,748 request)

XII. Chair and Vice Chair Election -

- a. As new Chair and Vice Chair elections are happening next week, Ashley and Sam briefly described the responsibilities of Chair to the Board.
- b. The only additional time required as Chair or Vice Chair is an hour-long meeting once week to prepare for the meeting, which is cancelled if there is a light agenda.
- c. The Chair and Vice Chair are ex-officio members to a few other boards, including PASFC and SPARC.
- d. Sam said that the Vice Chair is responsible for filling the duties of Chair if the Chair is absent.

Next Meeting – Thursday, April 16th, 5:00-6:00 pm in 303 GSB