

May 25, 2006

UFFAB Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2006
Johnson Hall Theatre

Members Luke Coffin, Chair, College of Applied Human Sciences
Attending: Nathaniel Moller, College of Engineering
 Jered Lish, IUAC
 Tamla Blunt, Graduate School
 Megan Royer, College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
 Michael Foxman, Student Fee Review Board
 Mandy Elliott, College of Business
 B.J. Tiemessen, Member at Large
 Jennifer Debe, College of Agriculture Sciences
 Michael Miranda, Member at Large
 Sean Timmins, Member at Large

Facility Advisor: Brian J. Chase, Director of Facilities, Advisor to UFFAB

Ex-Officio Absent: Pat Burns, Assoc. V.P. for Info. & Instr. Tech., Advisor to UTFAB

Guests: Per Hogestad, Facilities Management Architect, Shannon Griess, Facilities Management/Des. & Merch. Student, and Sarah Dietz, Facilities Management/Des. & Merch. Student

I. Call to Order/Introductions:

Chairman, Luke Coffin, calls the meeting to order.

II. Approval of April 20, 2006 Minutes

The Minutes of the April 20, 2006 meetings were approved unanimously.

III. New Business:

a. Election of Officers: Chair

Luke informed the Board that he will graduate and will not run for office this year. He will be going on to graduate school and wants to serve as his college's representative however.

Luke talked about the time required of the Chair for UFFAB this year. Brian indicated that next year there will be more projects so the time required may be more than 3 hours a week.

Tamla Blunt and Michael Foxman are interested in being Chair of the UFFAB. Tamla provides the group with her education, background and why she is interested in being Chair. Michael Foxman also tells the group about his field of study, interests and why he would like to be Chair.

Students write down their choice and give their vote to the current Chair. Luke announces that Michael is the new Chair of UFFAB for next year, FY06/07.

Election of Officers: Vice Chair

Megan indicates her interest in being Vice Chair for fall semester and provides the group with her education, experience and why she wants to be vice chair.

There being no one else interested in the position, Megan is appointed Vice Chair of UFFAB for fall semester 2006.

IV. Old Business

a. Microbiology Study Lounge Design

Per Hogestad, Facilities Management Architect, has been invited to tonight's meeting to talk about his design of the Microbiology Study Lounge. Per brought 2 sets of blueprints with him for the students to view.

Per told the group that the study lounge was designed as a standalone addition to the Microbiology Building because the original building is not conducive to adding an addition to it. He talked about heating efficiencies, use of tinted windows, indirect lighting from the ceiling and the shaded light coming from Yates Hall.

Per talked about the materials to be used in the building and installing a "green roof". He told the group that the project had to be designed twice, causing delay, due to the cost of materials going up, in particular the cost of steel. The current design is within the budget and the building should be ready to use by the middle of fall term. The green roof will be installed after the addition is completed.

The addition will be flexible and have power from many electrical outlets and wireless access to the internet will be installed in the addition as well as in the patio area.

b. Microbiology Study Lounge Furniture

Shannon Griess had samples of two lounge chairs from different manufacturers, a desk chair, and a patio table and chair delivered so the students can view and try them out.

Shannon advised the group that the tablet-arm chairs are not as durable and are not a good choice for the kind of use the furniture will get.

Several of the students took turns sitting in the chairs. Shannon talked to them about how furniture feels different to people based on different body types. There was also a discussion about warranties and durability.

The group likes both pieces and would like to see both used in the furnishing of the addition. The two pieces come from different manufacturers but will have coordinating fabric so that groupings of the furniture will be attractive and tasteful. The students agreed that casters on the furniture are not a good idea; they prefer the wood on the side of the chair rather than upholstery; they would like to have two sofas and two settees; the desk chairs are fine; they would like a couple of the tablet arm chairs; and they approved of the outside furniture. They also liked the patio furniture which is the same furniture that will be used for the Clark patio.

c. Clark Study Lounge

Some of the students have seen the newly painted study lounge and asked if there would be any other colors on the wall besides the yellow. The budget only allowed for one color of paint.

Brian advised that Facilities will be in contact with the Art Dept. to see if they have interest in doing some murals or other paintings on the walls to liven them up.

There was also discussion about the patio furniture and having a coffee cart on the Clark Plaza. Brian advised the group to contact Mike Ellis, Director of the Student Center, about the coffee cart idea.

The discussion turned to security with regard to the patio furniture. There will be security cameras and the patio furniture will have security cables/chains through them at night so that they cannot be taken.

d. Clark C Wing Classrooms

Sarah showed the committee five different color schemes for carpet options and asked the students for their input. She told the group that the classrooms are small and so the use of lighter colors would be better for the classrooms.

The students took a vote and options 1, 2, and 3 were voted for use in the classrooms.

There was a brief discussion about carpeting the Clark Study Lounge but there is no money to do that at this time.

e. Johnson Hall

Brian told the committee that the Johnson Hall Theatre will be remodeled this summer, with all the seats, stage, sloped floor, etc. taken out. The original floor will be reused and the area turned into a large lecture hall which should be ready for use August 2006.

f. Computer Science Building

Brian showed the committee the conceptual design of the new Computer Science Building located west of the Warner College of Natural Resources.

He advised the group that the Board of Governors was very receptive to the new location for the building and offered to put \$500,000 into Isotope Drive for design and transition of this area to green space.

The original design did not have an open lab and Brian would like UFFAB to vote on a 3,000 gsf open lab that will hold 100 computer desks. The lab would add an additional \$900,000 to the cost of the building. Brian pledges to use the increase for the open lab and ask the Dean of Natural Sciences to fund the cost of equipment and furniture.

The UFFAB unanimously votes to increase funding by \$900,000 for the addition of the open lab after discussing how great the need is for it, especially in the core of campus. Having the open computer lab would take a load off the library and other computer areas.

The building needs its own sense of identity and there was discussion about a clock over the entrance; a water fountain outside the entrance and other ideas. It is generally agreed that the building needs its own sense of space and ceremonial entrance.

V. Next Meeting – Thursday, August 24, 2006, 5 to 6 p.m. Location to be determined.

VI. Adjourn