

FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2009 MEETING

I. Time, Location and Attendance:

- Wednesday, March 11, 2009, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Plaza Conference Room
- Members Present: Dennis Cesari, Melvin Davis, Saul Honigberg, Dean Lora Lacey-Haun, William Morgan, Sullivan Read, Michael Strait, Dean Ellen Suni, and Bob Simmons
- Members not Present: Scott Baker, Shannon Blood, Curt Crespino, Larry Eisenberg, Bridgett Johnson, Ji Wei, Tom Mardikes, Daron McGee, Paris Saunders, Theodore Seligson, and Thomas Stein
- Staff Present: Karen Lavendusky and Valerie Bennett
- Minutes recorded and submitted by Valerie Bennett, March 11, 2009

II. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

- The minutes of the February 27, 2009 meeting were approved.

III. Proposed Agenda and Presentation by Bob Simmons - Old Business

- **Space Request Action for Applied Language Institute**
It has been established that Applied Language Institute has an immediate need for additional space. Short-term space is in the works but has not been determined at this time. This space request will not be brought back to the committee until the location of additional space is complete.
- **Space Request Action for Law School Small Firm Incubator**
Dennis Cesari discussed the parking issue associated with the 4741-43 Troost property with Susan Gardner, Associate Professor of the Law School. The city is constructing a new 47th Terrace where the university currently has a parking lot on the North side of 4741 Troost. The city is abandoning Forest Ave. to the East and 48th Street to the South. Both of these streets will become UMKC property. Dennis has determined that there will be adequate parking for faculty and staff but not for visitors. Dean Suni explains that the start-up of the incubator would be slow in the beginning and only one client per hour would have need for parking. Additionally, Dean Suni relayed that the benefit of the incubator would outweigh any issue with parking and the cost associated with the expansion of parking would be addressed as the need occurred with Dennis Cesari. Dennis also explained that parking for this area would be by permit and the area would be policed for any parking violations. Dean Lora Lacey-Haun reported that she

presented the space request for the Law School to the Dean's Council and no objections were voiced. Dean Lora Lacey-Haun makes the motion that the committee agrees with the space request and this decision should be presented to the Chancellor. The motion is seconded. A vote by show of hands is made and the motion is unanimously accepted, with Dean Suni abstaining.

- **Space Management Policies and Procedures Final Draft**

The Space Management Policies and Procedures final draft formalizes UMKC policies and procedures for space use, assignment and reassignment. The final draft was circulated via email by Bob Simmons on March 9, 2009, with additional copies furnished at the meeting. Bob discusses changes that have been made to the draft and that the Space Request Form is now in Word format. Saul Honigberg comments that he would like cost benefits to the university incorporated on the space request application application. Dean Suni also notes some additional comments to be added based upon the final process flow. Bob requests that the committee make an in depth review of the final draft and send him any questions or suggested changes before the next meeting. Acceptance of the final form will be on the agenda for the April 21st meeting.

IV. Review of UMKC Capital Projects – New Business

- **Miller Nichols Library Renovation and Interactive Learning Center Addition**

Bob's PowerPoint presentation relays the project context, along with the schematic design and view from Rockhill Road and University Way. He shares that this addition develops a signature Cultural Arts District along the Volker campus northern edge at Cherry Street, Volker Boulevard, and Rockhill Road. This addition links with the UMKC mission and planning principals as it deepens and expands strength in the visual and performing arts. Bob explains that the addition is a visual transition from the Miller Nichols Library from a "vault for books" to a "beacon of light" that reaches out to the community. The project objectives are:

- a. To increase the number of study seats in the library and make them more relevant to the needs of today's students.
- b. Expand UMKC's core Volker Campus classroom capacity by 23%.
- c. Provide for patron-centered delivery of library services.
- d. Create spaces that support community-based initiatives.
- e. Create a dramatic new front door for the campus, one that expresses the dynamic nature of UMKC as Kansas City's university.

- Phase 1 Scope will be the implementation of ASRS (robot) and "decanting" of collection from Miller Nichols Library. This scope will also relocate the main entrance and allow for a prototype of collaborative study spaces. Interior renovations for phase 1 are shown in Bob's presentation. During this phase of the renovation the robot will be loaded with selected materials and the renovation will

the library's Information Commons to continue to operate. Phase I of this project is fully funded and has a targeted finish date for the summer of 2010.

- Phase II Program Highlights addresses the needs of UMKC for additional classrooms and lecture halls. Approximate classroom sizes are given but these will be re-evaluated when the project begins final design to determine that UMKC's classroom needs are met. This phase is listed as a number 1 priority in FY2011 for capital projects, but does not have funding in place yet.
- Sullivan Read voices concerns over the holdings of the library and if any of the project monies could be designated to increase the books and holdings and not just to the shell of the building. Dean Suni states, with Dean Lacey-Haun and Melvin Davis agreement, that the committee's role is dealing with facilities and not operating funds. Bob also states that the operating funds are being addressed by the library and donors separate from the capital funds. Michael Strait also asks if the public will be allowed access to the library. Bob answers that this is the only public research library in Kansas City and it has a significant impact on our community and surrounding institutions.
- **School of Medicine Renovation and Health Sciences Education Building Phase II**
Bob provides the handout entitled "School of Medicine Renovation and Health Sciences Education Building Phase II, and School of Dentistry Addition". Bob shows the committee a sketch of the planned locations for the School of Medicine Building renovation, the Health Sciences Education Building and the planned School of Dentistry Building addition. This project will create:
 - a. A campus identity on Hospital Hill for the health sciences.
 - b. Identify expansion sites for academic use or related functions that support the city's Life Sciences initiatives.

The facility will include shared large auditorium and classroom/meeting spaces and includes teaching laboratories and patient simulation labs. The project will also include the renovation of the library and support space in the Medical building.

- **School of Dentistry Building Addition**
The building addition will be an extension on the existing school to expand teaching labs, patient areas and clinics. This will enable the dental school to have a larger number of students to keep up with the need for dentists in our community and state. It will also provide additional space to house departments belonging to the dental school which are currently in the medical school.

The topic of deferred maintenance on campus is discussed. Bob stresses how little money is provided by the state for deferred maintenance. However, renovation work does begin to address the deferred maintenance on the campus. Bob also

discusses that he has a Sightlines consultant presentation that he would like to show the committee that illustrates the bleak funding picture of what the state provides towards deferred maintenance.

V. Other Topics of Discussion - Faculty Senate Suggestions Presented by Saul Honigberg

- First, the Faculty Senate suggested adding a co-chairperson from the Faculty Senate to the Facilities Advisory Committee. They believed this would ensure that meetings are held in a timely manner and that the committee remains active. The Faculty Senate also would like to see more faculty representation on the committee. Dean Lacey-Haun points out that the members of this committee are appointed by the Faculty Senate and there should be no issue with representation. Mel Davis states in agreement that the committee is already made up of students, staff and faculty. After much discussion by the committee, it was the general consensus that the Chancellor charged this committee and any change to the structure of the committee should be presented to the Chancellor by the Faculty Senate.
- Secondly, the Faculty Senate also would like to see a linkage between the University Budget Committee and the Facilities Advisory Committee. They would like to see someone from the University Budget Committee on the Facilities Advisory Committee. Bob suggests one option could be holding a joint meeting of the two committees when capital projects and funding was relevant. Additionally Sullivan Read suggested that future vacated spots on the committee be filled with Faculty Senate members.
- The final request presented to the committee by the Faculty Senate was as to whether this committee could evaluate how space is being utilized. Karen Lavendusky shares with the committee that she is well aware of how space is being used when she makes her space inspections. She would be glad to bring any of these space issues to the committee. As a discussion begins, Bob proposes that this item is brought back and placed on the next meeting agenda due to time constraint. It is agreed by the committee.

VI. Closing – Bob Simmons

- Our next scheduled meeting is April 21, 2009 from 2:00-4:00 in the Administrative Center, Gillham Park room.

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

1. Approved Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2009
2. School of Medicine Renovation and Health Sciences Education Building Phase II/ School of Dentistry Addition
3. Article: “Campus Officials Seek Building Efficiencies, One Square Foot at a Time”