

**MEETING NOTES OF THE
UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD
March 26, 2013**

- Members Present:** University Facilities Planning Board: Nancy Cornwell - Chair, Jeff Butler, Michael Everts, Mandy Hansen, Susan Fraser for Jeff Jacobsen, Patricia Lane, Linda LaCrone for Tom McCoy, Ritchie Boyd for Martha Potvin, Fatih Rifki, Jim Thull, Cara Thuringer, Brenda York
- Proxy:** Walt Banziger carried by Dennis Raffensperger, Kurt Blunck carried by Victoria Drummond, Allyson Brekke carried by Lindsey Klino, Chris Fastnow carried by Ritchie Boyd, Tom Stump carried by Duane Morris, Terry Leist carried Jeff Butler, Jim Rimpau carried by Brenda York
- Members Absent:** Greg Gilpin
- Guests:** Sam De Jardins, Debbie Drews, EJ Hook, Candace Mastel

The University Facilities Planning Board met beginning at 3:30 pm to discuss the following:

ITEM No. 1 – Approval of Meeting Notes

Boyd moved to approve the meeting notes from February 26, 2013. Lane seconded the motion. The meeting notes were approved unanimously.

ITEM No. 2 – Executive Committee Report

There was no action from the Executive Committee to report.

ITEM No. 3 – Consent Agenda

No items.

ITEM No. 4 – Informational – College of Business

Debbie Drews presented an update to the new College of Business building. The name of the building has been approved as Jabs Hall. The first floor plan has changed around the food service area in the south east corner. The classroom originally in that area was eliminated. The remainder of the building is the same. Drawings are at about the 75% construction document stage and moving to 90%. The project will go out to bid at the end of April or beginning of May and construction will start in June. The solar panels are not part of the project, but are designed for installation at a later time. The hot water tubes from the previous design have gone away. The glass wall with the Montana map is included. Thull objected to keeping something for aesthetics and losing the solar panels, which are for alternative energy and conservation. If something had to be lost he would rather lose the Montana map glass wall than the solar panels. Boyd questioned the eliminated classroom and Raffensperger replied that the President made the determination that a food outlet needed to be included in the building, similar to a subway sandwich shop and that space was required. The first floor footprint was expanded but the only way to accomplish the food service area was to lose a classroom. Drews commented that one of the benefits was an increase to the size of the building and provides a big open breakout space with full access to the patio area.

ITEM No. 5 – Recommendation – Romney Green Space Master Plan

Candace Mastel presented an overview of the proposed Romney Green Space Master Plan. A concept has been chosen. They focused on four core elements: providing better circulation, providing connections between the buildings, providing two major use spaces, and enhancing pedestrian nodes and plaza areas. A temporary location will be setup to have an event this spring and summer in the outdoor event space on the west side. As part of the Landscape Master Plan they want to create building entries that are inviting. The plan is a culmination of ideas from meetings and charettes. The big change is that it will no longer be an oval in plan. The consultant created 28 plans, which were narrowed down to three and then the campus community chose one. Drummond commented on the cow paths and recognizing that Romney Gym is changing, so there is going to be a lot more pedestrian movement around it and connecting other buildings. All three plans presented to the campus community at the meet and greets included some method of formalizing the cow paths. She also commented on recognizing the plaza area west of the SUB. There is opportunity for more plaza like activity there, but the service drive will not be taken out. The concept is to enhance the pedestrian use as a predominant use.

Thuringer expressed concern about adding concrete where people run around and questioned if other materials could be explored. Mastel replied that there is a balance between creating a circulatory connection and the open space. They need to

maximize the circulation without having major maintenance issues of cow paths. The paths need to be something that can be kept clean. If they are plowed, people will walk on it and they need to be concrete in order to be plowed. Mud from the cow paths gets tracked into the building, which creates a maintenance issue. Hook commented that concrete could be safer because you know where it is and it's always in the same place. Cow paths have consistently variable conditions. Rifke commented that the Traphagan Hall expansion shouldn't be shown as it is not realistic and suggested something else be shown to enclose that space. Everts commented that there needs to be a formal design logic of what gets planted. There needs to be a tree plan to compliment the quad space as part of the concept. Drummond commented that they are focusing on more open space and tree lined sidewalks. Morris commented that as a potential concert venue for up to 4,000 people Facilities needs to be strategic about where the trees go and also having people face the sun during those events. York expressed concern for Veteran's Park as it seems more blocked in this plan. Mastel replied that nothing has changed with the park, but the space still needs a solution to be more inclusive. Thuringer brought up bike racks and Mastel assured that none will be taken away. Drummond read an email from Blunck regarding his conditional vote for the concept. He wants to make sure pedestrians and vehicles continue to have their access to Renne Library. Mastel commented that the goal was to balance pedestrian and service drive access and to make pedestrians feel like they weren't subordinate to vehicles. Butler clarified that they are asking the board to decide if they are okay with the quad versus the oval and that there is a lot more to be done. Issues of bike racks, the Traphagen expansion, formalizing a tree plan that balances trees and open space for events, re-orienting Veterans Park, and service drive access will be looked at and brought back when the Master Plan is finally implemented. The only portion that will be immediately implemented is installing power for the outdoor classroom. Everts suggested an aerial view when it comes back because it's hard to see as a diagram. Mastel replied that getting that could be a contract issue because the consultant has done the work contracted for and there is no additional budget. Rifke moved to approve the concept. Lane seconded the Motion.

The vote:

Yes: 19
No: 0

ITEM No. 6 – Recommendation – Collaborative Spaces – Reid Hall and AJM Johnson Hall

Dennis Raffensperger presented an overview of the collaborative spaces in Reid Hall and AJM Johnson Hall, which is being done at the request of the Provost. In Reid Hall a low seating group will be created south of the main stair on the first floor to provide some sense of enclosure. Moving south down the corridor two elements would be created that stagger and repeat. One is a banquet element and the other is café tables across the hall. The second, third and fourth floor lobbies south of the main stair will have a mix of soft seating and two different table arrangements. The custodial room on the third floor will be removed to accommodate a larger collaborative area. The soft seating group is similar to the second floor and will be separated from a group of more collaborative tables by a glass wall with a flat screen. The fourth floor will maintain the custodial room. It will have soft seating on the south side, a grouping of tables on the north side and a flat screen display. AJM Johnson Hall will have soft seating and a whiteboard at the bottom of the stairs at the basement level. The color palette is close to the original colors of the building and coordinates better with the existing terracotta on the stairs. The lobby on the main floor will have a table engaged with the column so it has some sense of the space. Its form and orientation will direct flow from the front doors down the main corridor. The existing cabinetry will be renovated and used as a display case for departments in the building. As you go up the stair there is a large open space with glass out to the Romney green space. Three pendent lights will be suspended in that space, which will both activate the space visually inside and act as a focal point when you see into that large glass wall at night. The main hall will have lit niches with white boards on certain walls and furniture staggered across from them. There will be tables with chairs, and benches with upholstered seats. A table and flat screen will be put in the space at the top of the main stair. The second floor will be similar with niches and upholstered benches down the corridor. This is a summer project and will be completed before classes start in the fall.

Lane questioned what will happen with the old chairs in Reid Hall and Butler replied that there are people interested in taking them. Boyd suggested privacy dividers for the long areas to break up the space. He also questioned the type of whiteboards that will be used. Raffensperger replied that most will be conventional whiteboards and the only glass one will be in Reid Hall on the third floor. Thuringer questioned the transparency of the glass whiteboard and Raffensperger replied that it will be translucent but not transparent. Thull questioned the amount of use the whiteboards will get and their maintenance. The markers and erasers are the responsibility of the building departments. The cleaning will be custodial maintenance. Thuringer moved to approve the collaborative spaces. York seconded the Motion.

The vote:

Yes: 19
No: 0

The Chair was excused. Drummond officiated.

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ITEM No. 7 – Recommendation – Campus Banner Plan

Candace Mastel presented an overview of the Campus Banner Plan. New locations for future banners will mirror the existing concept. These are permitted locations for the future, when funding or the desire becomes available to do so. Every request wouldn't need to come to UFPB. The locations are based on four characters: walkway corridor for a lower pedestrian style, street corridor for vehicles, community venue for special events, and campus housing. There is a cost component as they have to be maintained. York questioned the content of future banners and Mastel replied that content is covered under policies. Morris questioned if banners could go on the back side of the grandstand and if that would fall within this plan. Mastel replied that it could be added to the permitted locations. Drummond clarified that the banners on the back side of the bleachers are different as they are not on light poles. The area would be included in the plan, but something would have to be done outside of this plan since it isn't a light pole banner installation. Mastel commented that the plan is for a particular style mounted on light poles. Morris suggested a policy for all banners. Butler commented that the next step could look at other banner locations. Thull moved to approve the Campus Banner Plan. Boyd seconded the Motion.

The vote:

Yes: 18
No: 0

This meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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