

**MEETING NOTES OF THE  
UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD  
August 13, 2013**

- Members Present:** Nancy Cornwell - Chair, Kurt Blunck, Jeff Butler, Linda LaCrone for Anne Camper, Michael Everts, Chris Fastnow, Greg Gilpin, Mandy Hansen, Bob Lashaway for Terry Leist, Jim Luebbers for Robert Marley, Ritchie Boyd for Martha Potvin, Fatih Rifki, Brenda York
- Proxy:** Allyson Brekke and Jim Thull carried by Victoria Drummond, Julie Tatarka carried by Lindsey Klino
- Members Absent:** Walt Banziger - Vice Chair, Cara Thuringer, Jeff Jacobsen, Tom Stump,
- Guests:** Tammie Brown, Sam Des Jardins, Dan Stevenson

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

**ITEM No. 1 – Approval of Meeting Notes**

York moved to approve the meeting notes from June 18, 2013. Boyd 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 – Testing Center in Renne Library – Project Update**

Sam Des Jardins presented an overview of the temporary location of the Testing Center in Renne Library. The Testing Center on campus serves the Engineering students who are required to take their Fundamentals of Engineering Exam senior year and that testing system is a computer based system provided by Pearson Vue. They require a specific setup for their computers and must be available January 1, 2014. There is also an additional need to accommodate students with disabilities. The Spain-Sedivy Room will be modified to have 10 stations for Pearson Vue tests and 10 stations available for students with disabilities or general overflow. The Testing Center will also have a proctor's office and a special accommodations room. The front part of the room will include a waiting area with lockers. Cornwell questioned if Pearson Vue could be used for other tests and Des Jardins replied that it can when it's not being used for the engineering exam, but because of the number of engineering students it will likely be full most of the time. Engineering students will cycle through all semester. The ADA testing room will be accessible to students after the Testing Center hours to be used like a computer lab. They can also be proctored for other tests and could be used for students from other institutions. York added that this is a temporary facility until something else opens.

**ITEM No. 5 – Informational – Initial Discussion of Potential Sites for Future Residence Hall**

Bob Lashaway initiated the discussion of potential sites for a future residence hall. The university is looking at building more residence hall capacity. Residence halls are primarily occupied by freshmen because there is a freshmen living requirement. This requirement increases retention. Freshmen enrollment has gone up so apartments have temporarily been opened to accommodate the overflow. A new residence hall with 350-400 beds is needed. We have advertised for architects and there is a lot of interest because it will be \$35-40 million. Architects will be reviewed on August 19, 2013 and five to six firms will be chosen to be interviewed. A list of three will be sent to the Department of Administration and the Director will select one of the three firms. Final appointment will occur at the end of September. Construction could start in July/August 2014 and will take two years. If it is done at the end of May 2016, Residence Life would have time to set it up for the fall.

Lashaway would like to take a couple weeks to look at issues and pick one or two preferred locations. Types of considerations and issues need to be discussed in order to advise the president. The President has not expressed a preference. Initial areas looked at were: Greek Way, north and south of the current residence halls that are west of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and the lot west of Langford Hall. The space south of Hannon Hall is reserved for the American Indian Student Center. The space west of the Animal Bioscience Building is reserved for the USDA Building, but may be ready to sunset or may have already expired. The idea of the Master Plan is to densify the core of campus, but it also envisions a new residential campus further

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west. Considerations that have come up are: the Master Plan, maximizing the core of campus, high-rise vs. low-rise, impacts to parking, and proximity to existing food services. The new residence hall will not include food service, but the upcoming renovation of Miller and Harrison Dining Halls will increase their capacity. Brown clarified that Miller Dining Hall only needs to address an increase of 150 students, not 400 because the new residence hall is intended to pull freshmen out of the Family & Graduate Housing. If a residence hall is constructed on a parking lot, the project will have to replace that parking. A lot of work has been done on Mandeville Creek and they would like to open it up and not build on top of it. The residence hall could also be wrapped with a parking structure, but there may not be funding for that. Fastnow questioned if the area where the Monopoly houses are is an option and Lashaway replied that it is, but runs into consideration of proximity to food service and campus. The Master Plan also envisions the redevelopment of the Johnstone and Langford complex into something that has leased commercial retail on the first floor with residential above. A high-rise could be considered and would have to be looked at from a construction cost standpoint and a living arrangement standpoint. President Cruzado and Terry Leist would like it to cost less than \$100,000/bed, but to do that it would be built to be less than a 100 year facility. It would be easy to tear down, but then there is question of sustainability. Cornwell asked to hear more about Greek Way and Lashaway explained that Greek Way was an experiment in the 1960's and was created as a location for Greek houses. Four lots never sold. About seven years ago the Liedmans bought two lots and constructed the housing there now. We also need to look at existing infrastructure and possibilities for serving a new building. The two locations near the existing residence halls are attractive to the tunnel system. If the building was constructed on an existing parking lot, parking could move to the field where the Monopoly houses were. Parking needs be constructed before the building. Rifke commented that putting the building near S. 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and College Street where the demolished houses were will not entail any exchange with an existing parking lot. Cornwell commented that with a 50 year building there is a question of whether this building should have more flexibility where it could transition to upper classmen if the freshmen enrollment dropped. Brown commented that if there was a decline in freshmen enrollment that would also allow the opportunity to close another building and go into the Master Plan where there is retail on the bottom floor and upper classmen on the top. Luebbers questioned what would happen to Facilities buildings if they moved away and Lashaway replied that the University of Idaho student recreational community built a student recreational center where their Facilities quonsets were and paid to move their Facilities to another location. The Master Plan anticipates that Facilities will move because its space is valuable. If a major residence hall is located there, the closest dining facility is in Hannon Hall and is very small. Brown commented that they can't include another dining hall because all the money needs to go to beds. Luebbers questioned if there could be two buildings at different locations or if they should stay together and Brown commented that they would have to have two separate front desks, RA's, etc. Hansen questioned if they could get rid of Miller Dining Hall, put in a new expanded dining facility near Hedges and repurpose the space. Brown replied that it is better use of their money to refurbish it. \$18 million is being split between the three dining halls. Cornwell commented that the nice thing about increasing the density of campus is that it puts off the cost of having to extend infrastructure. Blunck added that we should think about the cost of expanding the infrastructure in the future. Brown commented that the Board should consider both short term and long term. Gilpin wanted to know what the differential retention is between the northeast halls and the high-rises. Retention is higher in the northeast halls than the high-rises. Cornwell wanted to know more about McCall Hall. It is for the State Department of Agriculture and they will move if provided a building. York questioned when the sunset for the USDA building is and Lashaway replied that he would find out. Gilpin questioned if the recreation area on the south side of North Hedges could be moved so the residence hall could be built there. Brown added that the philosophy of residential living is to have a place to get out and play. Green space and outdoor activity needs to be part of the discussion. The building would be about the size of Langford Hall and if was at the site west of Langford Hall we could create the commercial retail and work our way east. Lashaway would like the Board to explore the priority of some of the issues and think about what they need to come to a recommendation over the next five to six weeks.

#### **ITEM No. 6 – Recommendation – Upgrade Verizon Wireless Antenna on Leon Johnson Hall Rooftop**

Victoria Drummond presented an overview of the upgrade of the Verizon Wireless antenna on Leon Johnson Hall rooftop. There is an existing antenna and Verizon Wireless wants to upgrade to a larger antenna. It still fits the pattern that is already presented by the existing antennas and doesn't significantly change the view. Verizon Wireless adhered to the university policy and submitted a frequency study. The Technical Antenna Committee has approved the upgrade and recommends the change. Butler moved to approve the upgrade. Blunck seconded the Motion.

The vote:

Yes: 16  
No: 0

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

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