

**MEETING NOTES OF THE  
UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD  
February 24, 2015**

**Members Present:** Walt Banziger, Tom Stump, Jeff Butler, Sara Mannheimer, Chris Fastnow, David Singel, Neil Jorgensen, Charles Boyer

**Proxy:** Jeff Butler for Bob Lashaway, Tom Stump for Brenda York, Walt Banziger for Fatih Rifki, Michael Everts and Allyson Brekke

**Members Absent:** Nancy Cornwell, Brett Gunnink, Chris Kearns, Martha Potvin, Julie Tatarka, Renee Reijo Pera, Allyson Brekke, Greg Gilpin, Dana Dale, Kurt Blunck

**Staff & Guests:** Randy Stephens, Leila Sterman, Tony Campeau, Jillian Bertelli, Brian Rossman, Donald Akina

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

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

Draft notes from February 10, 2015 to be distributed before next meeting.

**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 –RECOMMENDATION - PAC Recommendation of Sculpture Gift – Abraham Lincoln**

Leila Sterman presented the Public Art Committee (PAC) recommendation for a sculpture gift from Jim Dolan. The sculpture is of Abraham Lincoln and is 13 feet tall, with a 4 foot by 4 foot base. It is made of welded stainless steel and includes a depiction of Lincoln's signature, and the artist's signature. The PAC unanimously voted in favor of accepting the sculpture. The sculpture complies with the Public Art Policy, and is educational in his historic importance for the United States and the State of Montana. Lincoln signed the act forming the Montana Territory, signed the Morrill Act which established land grant funding, and signed the Homestead and Railroad acts that made migration to Montana possible.

Jim Dolan is MSU alumni and there are currently has 3 other sculptures on Campus. He has a vision to have hero-related art on campus; part of his vision was to inspire other artists to contribute as well. Butler noted that it is important for this not to be construed as MSU's vision. There is a concern of having too many pieces from one artist, versus not having enough art on Campus. The PAC does not feel that MSU is currently maintaining Dolan's sculpture garden. If the sculpture is accepted, a proposed location for installation will be brought to UFPB.

Banziger read proxy comments from Everts and Rifki: "First, [Dolan] is very generous, so thank you to him for the offer. However, I thought that there was an UFPB discussion a while ago that the Campus already had a few Dolan sculptures and that MSU should not privilege the campus artwork to one artist. Part of the discussion was that others were not generating art, but I thought we reached an agreement that that did not constitute continued acceptance of his generous gifts."

Campeau asked if the historic significance is referenced anywhere on the sculpture, to help draw the connection to Montana. Jorgensen asked why we would limit an artist's desire to place their artwork on campus; Sterman commented that the PAC did discuss this point and related it to examples at other universities. One example is Stanford's Rodin Garden. Fastnow commented that every gift does come with installation and maintenance cost to the University.

Butler moved to approve acceptance of the sculpture gift. Stump seconded the motion. Additional discussion ensued, outlining the desire of the committee to obtain input and clarification from some of the proxy votes, because the quantity of proxy votes could alter the vote results. Butler moved to suspend the vote, for the item to be brought

back at a future date. Stump seconded. The motion passed affirmatively.

The vote:

Yes: 12

No: 0

Abstain: 1 (Manheimer)

**Note:** There should be a horizon item for PAC to discuss how to deal with multiple donations from one artist (protocol/guideline) and make a recommendation back to UFPB.

**ITEM No. 5 –RECOMMENDATION - Renne Library 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor North Side and Lobby**

Jillian Bertelli presented the proposed design for the north side of the Renne Library third floor. As the library transitions from a store house for books to a center for student and Faculty engagement, the book stacks are being reduced which is opening up more space for students to gather. The south side of the third floor was completed in Summer 2014; this renovation included new carpet, paint, and outlets at every seat.

The north side of the project will build on the success of the south side. There is a great view through windows to Montana Hall and Wilson Hall, which has been revealed through the reduction of the book stacks. The space will have a combination of tables with electric outlets and lounge-type seating. Painting would begin during Spring Break, and the reading room renovation would take place during Summer 2015 (starting May). This renovation will include the addition of a glass wall, brightened paint palette, updated furnishings, updated colored tiles and an updated water fountain with water bottle filler. There will also be art work from research done on campus and Renne Library Special Collections on display. The third floor is intended to be a quiet space so quotes that convey that are being considered for display on the walls. High performance fabrics for the soft furniture are also being investigated.

Butler noted that this type of renovation does increase the cost of maintenance, based on the paint scheme and additional outlets in the floor. He recognizes the benefits, but noted it is important to consider impacts before finalizing design. Banziger added that this type of color scheme should be done selectively, where it will have the biggest impact, and save costs in less public areas. Bertelli also added that students have been involved in choosing the colors.

Stump moved to approve. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote:

Yes: 13

No: 0

Banziger gave a reminder to group that this is a Planning Board, not a design review board. The intent of this board is to look at the concepts and big picture of it the proposals are appropriate for the campus.

**ITEM No. 6 –RECOMMENDATION - Renne Library/ITC Replacement Generator**

Jeff Butler & Loras O’Toole presented an update on the Renne Library/ITC replacement generator. The backup generator in the basement of the library failed, and a diesel generator is planned for replacement, which also requires a diesel tank. Building codes require the generator to be moved out of the basement due to the larger size. When this was originally brought to UFPB in September 2014, locations 1 and 3 were preferred but they will no longer work based on code. The proposal is now to use location 4, and to screen the generator, the diesel tank, and the existing air conditioning units together. The screening will not be wood; there are some existing options on campus that are low maintenance. The units and screening will not encroach on sidewalk, and this does work with the current Romney Oval Master Plan.

Comments from proxies were read:

Everts & Rifki: Location 4 for the generator is fine, provided that an enclosure is provided. Romney Oval, which it would face, is one of the campus’ “sacred spaces.”

Brekke: Recommend approval of location 4, with the condition that the 6 foot screening is provided on the west, south and east sides and explore options of painting the generator and oil tank a matching color of the library building to help with screening efforts.

Stump moved to approve location 4 and to include screening of the equipment. Fastnow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote:

Yes: 13

No: 0

**Announcements**

- Sola Café has been selected as the food vendor in Jabs Hall.
- Construction on the Freshman Residence Complex is schedule and going well.
- The Design Guidelines will be brought to UFPB March 24<sup>th</sup>, and the MEP phase will come later.
- SUB Ballrooms grand opening is March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9am-2pm.

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

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