MINUTES OF
THE UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
February 13, 2008

Members Present: Walt Banziger, Agre-Kippenhan, Everts, Butler, Bristor, Garnick, McCoy, Dooley, Blunck, McIlhattan, Jacobsen

Members Excused: Robert Lashaway – proxy

Members Absent: Miles, Rimpau, ASMSU Pro Temp

Guests: Victoria Drummond, Candace Mastel, Karen Hedglin, David Singel

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

SPECIAL ITEM NO. 1 – CHEMICAL STORAGE

Dave Dooley wanted the committee to have the benefit to hear directly the concerns regarding how we got to this point. This specific location wasn’t selected, but in the vicinity to Leon Johnson, Gaines, or the Chemistry building. Best practices are to house these chemicals outside of academic areas. It is not feasible to place the containers in Chemical/Biochemical and this was never planned and space was not assigned. The containers cannot go back into Gaines because of student use, but a remote option requires transportation daily which is not in budget. We need to locate an area for use. A temporary 2-year solution has to be reached, but it would be nice to make a long-term decision as well so as not to waste UFPB’s time.

The major issues addressed:

- Security must be taken into consideration. Although Homeland Security doesn’t require locks or alarms, it is something that we should consider for health, life, and safety.
- If the location is remote, it requires transportation by someone. Facilities’ does not have time to transport these chemicals and it could be costly to hire out the transportation of chemicals.
- The accessibility of the chemicals is important. The buildings that use such chemicals the most are Gaines, Chemistry building, and Leon Johnson.
- If the containers are not housed within a building, there would need to be a way to cover the containers either using a screen or a landscaping screen to shield them from view. These are not currently within the budget of Gaines, so that funding needs to be determined.
- The demolition of Gaines should not be delayed due to this decision. We don’t want to have to worry about accessibility of funding.
- An off-site staff person with the containers in a separate building would be the best option, but we don’t have approval or the funding for another building.
- The chemicals cannot be moved back into Gaines although this was the original plan. This option is unacceptable.
- There are not a lot of good options. But a decision needs to be made so that the Gaines project can proceed without moving too far off-schedule.
Dave Dooley moved that Tom McCoy will use these units and locate a site for temporary storage. UFPB will decide on options for long term solutions.

Opposed –

- Mike Everts felt that given the resources and effort to implement the temporary solution, we shouldn’t distinguish between temporary and long term. There needs to be more information for a decision to be made.
- Jeff Jacobsen feels there are too many unknowns.

Walt Banziger – abstain

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No Comments

McCoy and Dooley left the meeting, but the meeting continued.

McCoy & Dooley understood that this problem was not going to delay the process for the Gaines demo – the screen and security issues still need to be addressed. The intent was a united vote and that this move forward with a temporary solution

Jeff Butler – The permanent solution now is in Gaines, so the Gaines project should take care of the issue.

Karen Hedglin – It was planned until 6 months ago to put chemicals back into Gaines.

Susan Agre-Kippenhan moved to add a two-year sunset clause to temporarily locate chemical storage containers and that the containers have security measures/features that meet the regulations of the authority of local jurisdictions.

Allyson Bristor seconded – within one year from installation of the chemical storage containers, a permanent solution must be approved or the issue will return to UFPB.

The motion was unanimously approved and there were no further comments.

Adjourned 4:27