MEETING NOTES OF THE
UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD
March 27, 2012

Members Present: Joe Fedock – Chair, Walt Banziger – Vice Chair, James Becker, Ritchie Boyd, Jeff Butler, Lisa Duffey for Jacobsen, Mandy Hansen, Patricia Lane, Bob Lashaway, Troy Duker – ASMSU, James Thull, Brenda York

Proxy: Allyson Bristor, Tom McCoy, Tom Stump

Members Absent: Kurt Blunck, Michael Everts, Jim Rimpau, Allen Yarnell

Guests: Victoria Drummond, EJ Hook, Dennis Raffensperger, Cristie Tate, Michael Townhend – ASMSU

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

ITEM No. 1 – Approval of Meeting Notes
There were no meeting notes to approve.

ITEM No. 2 – Executive Committee Report
There was no action from the Executive Committee to report.

ITEM No. 3 – Consent Agenda -
A. Antenna upgrades within existing MSU Agreements and using existing antenna mounts to increase capacity to serve university clients.
   1. Cellular One to use No. 8 Cutthroat mount – North Hedges Hall
   2. ATT – Leon Johnson Hall
   3. Verizon – Leon Johnson Hall

Victoria Drummond presented an overview of the antenna upgrades. These are existing agreements and consist of replacing with newer, smaller equipment. There is a size change on one antenna on Leon Johnson; the encasement is narrower, but longer, and will be the same color as the building. All were required to meet MSU’s standard to isolate MSU’s tray from non-MSU cables so there isn’t any entanglement of MSU equipment. All upgrades will be reusing mounts that were already there so no new penetrations in any of the buildings. Moving from 3G to 4G will benefit MSU with increased capacity. The vendors will pay the cost for all the improvements.

B. MSU LMP Website Location
Drummond announced that the Landscape Master Plan is complete. It includes photography and renderings of future possible scenarios by implementing the principles. To reduce paper it is provided online at:
http://www.facilities.montana.edu/pdc/planning/files/landscape_master_plan.pdf

C. Leon Johnson Hall Energy Improvement Project-Exhaust Fans on Roof
Cristie Tate presented an overview of the fans that will be installed on top of Leon Johnson. A noise analysis was done on the roof and it meets the noise criteria UFPB approved on May11, 2010. The exhaust fans are light gray in color and will improve what is up on the building now. They are larger than the existing fans, but are repositioned on the roof to minimize the view.

Butler moved to approve all three Consent Agenda items. York seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved with no opposes or abstentions.

ITEM No. 4 – Recommendation – Family & Graduate Housing–Proposed Demolition of 50 Single-Family Units
This item is moved to the April10, 2012 meeting.

ITEM No. 5 – Recommendation – Proposed Renovations to Hapner Hall and Langford Hall
Raffensperger presented an overview of the response resolution of the heritage issue with the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO). The materials planned for those buildings were sent to them. SHPO was most interested in the modification to the entries at both buildings. They felt the work will have a negative effect on the heritage values of those buildings, which we agree with, but need to do anyway. It is agreed that a permanent exhibit will be designed and placed in the public spaces of...
each building and include photographic documentation of the parts of the buildings that will be modified. It will have photographs of what was there prior, historical information about the building, and historical information about the boom in buildings that took place at MSU during that time. Between 1958 and 1965 approximately 25 new building were built. SHPO views the mid-century modern period of design as being significant. Langford has been denoted by the state as a heritage building; although that has not been presented or signed off by MSU at this point. The heritage policy indicates that when a heritage building is designated, we will work with SHPO and come to an agreement. If an agreement is not reached, then this board can move forward with approval to the President. An agreement has been reached with SHPO and it states that we are having a negative impact on the heritage value of the building, but they understand for many reasons such as the fact that our residence halls are in a competitive environment with peer institutions and that it’s important to keep these buildings in a condition that prospective and current students feel comfortable spending money to live in.

Raffensperger also presented finish materials. Langford’s primary external material is a black brick. The green part is a green glazed brick which will mimic existing green glazed brick panels on the building. The green glazed brick on the building is not monochromatic; it is a range of green. There are two different green colors that are close together, but when mixed randomly it will closely mimic what’s there. Hapner Hall has a cementitious panel of red which is in the same family of brick on the building, but is a step darker to provide a contrast to the existing brick. There is a contrast because it’s an addition to the historic building, but needs be close enough that it doesn’t clash.

Duker questioned if there has been any discussion about the volleyball court. The plan is not to replace the volleyball court as part of this project. Butler stated it is unknown if the Langford RHA plans to do something else in the future.

Lashaway moved to approve the colors along with the approval of project moving forward with the agreement with SHPO. York seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved with no opposes or abstentions.

**ITEM No. 6 – Recommendation**

**A. Recommendation request to use Academic R&R Fund for replacement of classroom seating (one room in EPS and Leon Johnson Hall)**

Jeff Butler presented his request to use the Academic R&R Funds for replacement of the classroom seating in EPS Building, Room 103 and Leon Johnson Hall, Room 339. This is his last chance to get these projects into the summer (2012) replacement cycle. EJ Hook then presented a PowerPoint of information showing the current conditions and seat replacement.

In EPS Building, Room 103 the chairs are discontinued so replacing them is not an option. They are failing at the point of attachment and the bearings for the swing arm are also wearing out. Currently, they are being replaced with other chairs that don’t match and some chairs are missing. Non-factory recommended repairs are a safety issue and there is aesthetic degradation over time as repairs occur. The proposed replacement seating is the same style with the swing arm and tables. When not in use the seats retract fully for maximum clearance. The current configuration will not change. A total of 223 seats will replace the existing 218 and carpet will be added to the entire floor. The total cost for this classroom is $146,122. The chairs are $129,512 and the carpet is $16,610. York questioned if this is a major renovation because more ADA seats are required under a major renovation. This is considered a maintenance issue. Not enough is being renovated to accommodate ADA seating dispersed throughout the classroom, but additional ADA seating will be included.

In Leon Johnson Hall, Room 339 the springs in the seat backs squeak over time and are unable to be serviced. The seats anchor into the concrete riser and to replace them you have to use a larger and longer anchor. They are also working their way loose and are to the point where they don’t stay fastened to the riser. The inability to service the springs is a noise issue that can’t be corrected. The proposed seating has a tablet arm and a vertical mount. A total of 222 seats will replace the existing 220 and carpet will be added to improve sound attenuation. The total cost for this classroom is $124,533. The chairs are $100,883 and the carpet is $23,650. York requested some chairs be left out in the front of the room to accommodate ADA needs.

Thull questioned if this will affect their placement in the long range renovation planning from the Classroom Committee. These classrooms are at a Level Three now (priority of five to ten years replacement). Thull had concern with spending money now if they are going to be completely renovated in five years. When the rooms are renovated the seating will be reused, but the carpet would be replaced. The ranking of classrooms reflect the poor conditions of the seats. If the classrooms were reevaluated their ranking would probably change. Thull also questioned if there is a priority between the two classrooms, and there is not. They have the same amount of problems.
Lashaway questioned whether the classrooms would be considered one project or two separate projects. Butler replied that they are two separate projects. Projects over $200,000 need to be taken to ASMSU. These are each under $200,000, but with the immediate need, UFPB would still like to take the projects to ASMSU since there isn’t a ranked list of other projects or a process for the use of the fund. Duker said he would add it to the March 29, 2012 ASMSU agenda for discussion. If ASMSU has an issue, they will report back to UFPB.

Thull moved to approve Leon Johnson Hall Room 339 with the caveat that additional handicap seating be added to the front of the room and that there is no negative feedback from ASMSU. Lashaway seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved with no opposes or abstentions.

Thull moved to approve EPS Building Room 103 with the caveat that additional handicap seating be added to the front of the room and that there is no negative feedback from ASMSU. Lane seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved with no opposes or abstentions.

B. Discussion and/or Recommendation of draft Academic R&R Fund Application and Review Process

It was requested at the last meeting to come up with a process before deciding to allocate any more of the Academic R&R Funds. The request to use the funds for the seating projects needed to be addressed now or they could not be done this summer. Victoria Drummond put together a proposed process which was developed from suggestions discussed in seven meetings. It’s modeled after MSU policies. There’s an introduction, purpose, procedures, and a form that would follow procedures. The introduction was information taken from UFPB meeting notes from September 3, 2011 when Laura Hummerdeg gave a presentation on the fund. The purpose and procedures were gathered from comments UFPB made at the August 30, 2011 meeting. The process outlines the steps that would be taken and how to populate a viable projects list. That information was based on discussions and also from data made available for other things like the Capital Projects Database, LRBP, and the 2012 Administration and Finance Investment Proposals. Jim Rimpa directed Drummond to CFAC’s procedures (for the student computer fee) and suggested the Academic R&R Fund use the same form they use. The form will ask for a paragraph of the overview of the project, a description of the existing or new facility, and how it will benefit the students. Another way to address it is to categorize the project. Projects would be gathered and Facilities staff would organize and categorize them in a matrix. There are 16 matrix items. They include things like matching funds, if funds have funding been exhausted, and immediacy. This is a starting point for the board’s consideration for an approved process for the use of the Academic R&R Fund. The draft needs to be taken and reviewed.

ITEM No. 7 – Recommendation – 2012 and 2013 Registrar Classroom Renovations

Walt Banziger mentioned this item was presented to UFPB in December 2011. It’s a three part plan to utilize $1.5 Million in reverted funds for classroom renovations. It included doing a total of four small classrooms in Roberts Hall, Wilson Hall, and AJM Johnson Hall, as well as two medium size classrooms and a large classroom (Linfield Hall, Room 125). The recommendation was going to be forwarded to the President, but we received notice from Deans’ Council that they wanted more information on how the classrooms were ranked and what pedagogy styles were involved. So the recommendation was not sent to the President. Boyd, Lashaway and Banziger gave a presentation to Deans’ Council on how classrooms were categorized and ranked, and also initiated discussion on pedagogies. Deans’ Council was satisfied with the process for ranking; however, the pedagogy discussion still needs further review by the university. The Classroom Committee will be responsible for that as one of its charges to further explore the pedagogy teaching styles and how they affect classroom design. Additional discussions with the Provost’s office and the Classroom Committee provided concurrent recommendation to proceed with the small classrooms currently in design. The question came up as to whether or not some money should be held back for renovations to create an interactive classroom model. The Provost’s office and the Classroom Committee thought that this pedagogy style will not affect design of a Linfield Hall type classroom. As a lecture hall Linfield Hall, Room 125 would not be suitable for an interactive style model classroom. So they agreed this project could also go forward. There is also the opportunity, at this time, to pair it up with the renovations for elevator and restroom design, which will occur in 2013. Impact on the building occupants would be reduced and we could capture efficiency from one design firm as well as bidding all three out as one contract to one construction company. The Classroom Committee, Provost Potvin and David Singel have agreed. So it’s coming back to UFPB for a reiteration that the board concurs and will forward the recommendation to the President to proceed with the four small classrooms in Wilson Hall, AJM Johnson Hall, Roberts Hall and adding Linfield Hall, Room 125 classroom to be performed in the summer of 2013. Butler moved to approve the classrooms. Duffey seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved with no opposes or abstentions.
The Chair made an announcement that the Public Art Committee will bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

This meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

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