MEETING NOTES OF THE
UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD
April 24, 2012

Members Present: Joe Fedock – Chair, Walt Banziger - Vice Chair, James Becker, Kurt Blunck, Ritchie Boyd, Jeff Butler, Michael Everts, Linda LaCrone for McCoy, Patricia Lane, Bob Lashaway for Terry Leist, Jim Rimpau, Jim Thull, Brenda York

Proxy: Mandy Hansen

Members Absent: Allyson Bristor, Troy Duker – ASMSU, Jeff Jacobsen, Tom Stump, Allen Yarnell

Guests: Joe Bleehash, Billy Dubois, EJ Hook, Candace Mastel, Don Platisha

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

ITEM No. 1 – Approval of Meeting Notes
Lashaway moved to approve the meeting notes from April 10, 2012. Blunck 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 ADDED – Recommendation – 2012 Classroom Renovations

Joe Bleehash presented an overview of the summer classroom renovations, which was previously presented to the Board on March 27, 2012. There are four classrooms on the list to be done: three in Roberts Hall and one in Wilson Hall. Initially, UFPB recommended the transfer of $350,000 from the reverted appropriations fund into the budget for these classroom renovations. Bids were received and are comparable to last summer’s classroom renovations. Construction, AV upgrades, and the new campus standard classroom furniture are the three large ticket items for these renovations. Total project cost is currently at $395,000. There is a shortfall from the money that was allotted from the reverted appropriation funds of $45,000. There is about $20,000 left in the fund from last summer’s classroom renovations and Bleehash is proposing to transfer that $20,000 into this year’s budget, but it is still $25,000 short. He asked UFPB to raise the budget, from the reverted appropriations funding source, $25,000 to cover the balance. If a classroom was chosen not to be renovated there would be a $75,000 surplus. This was presented to the Classroom Committee and they unanimously recommended that the additional money be funded to the project. Banziger explained the reverted appropriation of $1.5 Million was given for classroom renovations. $350,000 was originally funded for these four classrooms, $700,000 was for Linfield Hall Room 125, $40,000 was for the AJM Johnson Hall Room 221 computer interactive classroom, and the balance of approximately $400,000 was set aside for future funding of an interactive classroom. Bleehash asked to take $25,000 from that balance. Lashaway had concern about Dean’s Council not being informed about this. Boyd didn’t think they would have a problem with the increase since the process was clarified with them. Boyd will give the Provost an accounting of everything so she knows where the money is going. Butler moved to approve the increase in use of money from the reverted appropriation funds to cover the cost of the renovations. Lashaway seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

ITEM No. 4 – Informational – Temporary Road for Access during the Cooley Utility Work

Don Platisha, Construction Management Services, who is working with Cecilia Vaniman, project manager, presented an overview of the temporary road access during the Cooley Lab utility work. A sanitary sewer needs to be installed and is in the access drive between Taylor Hall and Linfield Hall. In order to perform the work, the access drive will have to be closed. It will be closed five to six weeks while the sewer system is installed. With no access to the back of Tietz Hall or Leon Johnson, a temporary road will need to be put in. The access drive will not be closed until the temporary road is put in from Cleveland Street to the back of Tietz Hall and Leon Johnson Hall. The temporary road will be the existing sidewalk and a six foot road mix installed on the side to be a total of 12 feet wide. June 18, 2012 is the completion date for the sewer system. At that time the temporary road will be removed and there will be an eight foot drivable sidewalk installed in its place. One
parking spot will be removed for the temporary road and it will not affect access to the sidewalk. The temporary road will be fenced off because of tripping hazards, but there may be a temporary pedestrian access going to Linfield Hall. Vaniman will need to contact Jeff Jacobsen and other impacted entities regarding access to Linfield Hall.

**ITEM No. 5 – Recommendation – Bobcat Flagpole Installation**

Candace Mastel presented an overview of the Bobcat Flagpole installation. Money was donated to the track team to put in three flagpoles. The poles will carry the United States, state of Montana, and Montana State University flags, and potentially non-governmental/MSU flags during special events. They will be located between the track and Bobcat Plaza and will be in an extension of the existing rock bed. They will be embedded in a concrete foundation so if they needed to move in the future they can be reused. Athletics take care of the flags. Since they will not be lit, they will not be left up in the evening and will only be used for special events. The tallest pole is approximately 40 feet and the other two are approximately 35 feet. Mastel mentioned there was concern that this location wasn’t proximate enough to the track. The donating group wanted the poles to be seen from the approach around the gates and from Kagy, and also function for more than a track event and be a focus for all groups. Lashaway moved to approve the installation. Butler seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

**ITEM No. 6 – Recommendation – Budget Increase Request for EPS 103 and Leon Johnson 339**

Jeff Butler presented a budget increase request for EPS Room 103 and Leon Johnson Hall, Room 339. He explained the numbers given at the last presentation on March 27, 2012 were for construction and did not include design and contingencies. The project in EPS Room 103 will be put over $150,000 so the Board of Regents is needed for spending authority. Banziger explained anything under $75,000 needs Presidential authority, anything between $75,000 and $150,000 needs Commissioner of Higher Education authority and anything over $150,000 needs Board of Regents or Legislative authority. Due to the urgency of getting these projects done this summer The Board of Regents agenda item has been submitted to Terry Leist, but has not left the university. There is authority from the Commissioner of Higher Education in the interim to allow continuing the design and bidding of the project, pending approval by the Board of Regents. Lashaway moved to approve the budget increase. Blunk seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

**ITEM No. 7 – Informational – Parking Garage for NE Campus**

Bob Lashaway presented an overview of the issue of a parking garage for the northeast side of campus. Meetings were held with Staff Senate, Faculty Senate, Professional Council, ASMSU and the public. The northern site selected for the College of Business provoked the residence halls association to look at parking in that area. They put out a memo to the President saying they wouldn’t support a building in that area if it decreased their ability to park. There has been a deficiency of parking for the northeast residence halls, which are primarily occupied by women residents, and they cite safety and their concerns relative to the parking in that area of campus. It was an issue in 2005 and when it rose to the level of ASMSU commuting students didn’t support the needs of the residence hall students to have parking in that area. So it was pulled from further consideration by the Board of Regents at that time. It is an issue again, but there is more significant support from the residence hall students this time than there was in 2005. Once ASMSU began to look at it they found commuting students weren’t too sympathetic with perceptions or demands for parking for residence halls. ASMSU voted to discuss parking and safety issues in the fall. At this point, if ASMSU wants to pursue a parking garage solution for the northeast sector, it will be their responsibility, and they will take lead on it and take it to Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Professional Council as well as commuting students and neighborhoods. There will be a mandate for the College of Business building to do no harm to the parking. Any lost parking will be replaced. As of now, the building site doesn’t look like it will take much parking, so the lot just may be expanded. Also, the parking lot will not be used for staging for construction of the College of Business. It may be staged remotely similar to Cooley Lab.

This meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.