MEETING NOTES OF THE  
UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD 
August 27, 2013

Members Present:  Walt Banziger - Vice Chair, Kurt Blunck, Jeff Butler, Linda LaCrone for Anne Camper, Greg Gilpin, Mandy Hansen, Bob Lashaway for Terry Leist, Fatih Rifki, Tom Stump, Jim Thull, Cara Thuringer, Brenda York

Proxy:  Ritchie Boyd carried by Walt Banziger, Chris Fastnow carried by Lindsey Klino

Members Absent:  Nancy Cornwell - Chair, Allyson Brekke, Michael Everts, Jeff Jacobsen, Robert Marley, Julie Tatarka,

Guests:  Kristin Blackler, Tammie Brown, Steve Erickson, Dan Stevenson

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

ITEM No. 1 – Approval of Meeting Notes
No meeting notes were approved.

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 – Discussion – Discussion of Potential Sites for Future Residence Hall
Walt Banziger presented an overview of the potential sites for a future residence hall. They are in the process of consultant selection and have a short list of five to go through the interview process. Interviews will take place September 12, 2013. The five firms chosen are Intrinsik Architecture, Mosaic Architecture, Schlenker & McKittrick Architects (SMA), CTA Architects Engineers, and JCM Architecture. The site should be selected by the time the consultant is chosen, which is scheduled for September 24th or 25th. If the site is not selected it should be narrowed down to two or three. Thirteen sites have been identified for discussion. High priority issues that the building needs to address are: that it is a freshmen dorm, connectivity to campus, and adjacency to existing dining facilities, preferably Miller and Harrison Dining Halls. Timing is important to the upper level administration as they would like to see this done quickly. Construction should be complete by August 2016. Cost effective construction is important since there is a limited budget. Design issues are that it’s a one building design for efficient maintenance and an effective point of service for the Residence Life programs. It will include MSU standards for energy efficiency and sustainable materials. The thirteen sites are Greek Way (J), the Facilities Compound (I), the Langford Hall Lot (D), the Greenhouse Lot (C), the Antelope Lot (B north), the Deer Street Lot (B south), the former FG Housing (A), the South 12th Street Lot (E), the Intramural Fields (F), the west Roskie Lot (G west), the east Roskie Lot (G east), McCall Hall (H), and West of S. 19th Avenue (the advantage and challenges of each site and a map are attached to these minutes).

Kurt Blunck questioned if the capacity of the food services will accommodate an additional 400 hundred people. Stump replied that it will and that the plan is to add 100+ seating capacity to Miller Dining Hall. It is also designed so you can enter from the exterior on both ends of the entry points. Thull believes that F, G west, and G east have good proximity to dining and have the least amount of impact on existing infrastructure. Students shouldn’t have to walk 15 minutes to get meals. Gilpin expressed concern about students crossing 11th Avenue just to eat. If it was located on site F there wouldn’t be an additional flow of people crossing the street. Banziger added that the dining halls are going from a traditional cafeteria style to stand alone concepts inside. Stump explained that all three of the dining halls will have different venues. So as a student you will want to visit all three sites. Blunck explained that if it is built on a parking lot it will decrease the capacity and increase the demand in that location at the same time. Locations like A and F are areas that already have parking, and some excess, so won’t decrease the capacity. Stump replied that if the building was on a parking lot, the project would have to replace that parking. Thull expressed concern with a site that has a building because it could more than double the expenses. There is the cost of tearing down a building and building two new buildings because you have to replace the one that was there. York sees G east as a problem because of its use during events at night and on the weekend. Thuringer would like to explore the Gatton Field because she believes it is underutilized.
A narrowed list of sites will come back in two weeks to be discussed again and then three will go to the Residence Hall Association and ASMSU. A recommendation should go to the President in the next few weeks as this is on a tight timeframe. They would like to have the site picked by the time the architect is appointed. Definite no’s were sites A, B north, D, E, H, I, J, and West of 19th Avenue. Thull moved to consider sites B south, C, G west, G east, F, and Gatton Field. Blunck seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Stevenson added that some of the chosen sites have significant infrastructure advantages over others. He will provide benefits and detractions of those sites.

ADDED ITEM – Recommendation – Request for Use of Academic Building R&R Funds for Construction of a Temporary Testing Center
Walt Banziger presented an overview of the request for use of Academic Building R&R Funds for construction of a temporary testing center in Renne Library. The Testing Center is currently housed in Reid Hall and the Strand Union Building. It is in need of a renovation and upgrade. Primarily, the testing is going to computer based services and accessibility is an issue in both Reid Hall and the SUB. The Provosts office and several academic departments would like to put a temporary testing center in the basement of Renne Library which will seat 35-40. It will include computer testing for engineering students, be available for students unable to take their test in class, for accessibility, and be available for students taking their test outside of the normal testing time. It will eventually be relocated permanently back to Reid Hall once the building is either fully renovated or when the elevator and restrooms are upgraded. The project (PPA# 13-0088) will be approximately $275,000-$300,000. The Provost is contributing $100,000 and the balance needs to come from the Academic Building R&R Fund. The request is for $195,000 ($1.6 million remains in the fund). Along with President Cruzado’s approval, the use of $195,000 of Academic Building R&R Funds requires BOR authority. Thull expressed concern about not having a firm date on when the Testing Center will relocate back to Reid Hall. Banziger replied that is an issue for the Space Management Committee. Once the Testing Center relocates back to Reid Hall, the Library will re-assign the room as a classroom and will gain the infrastructure that was put in. Thuringer questioned what the Testing Center requirements are and Banziger replied that requirements are ADA accessibility, computer access, secure servers, not seeing other stations, monitoring capability, and HVAC. Pearson Vue requires the switch to the new system by January 15, 2014 to be in compliance. Thuringer questioned if the Testing Center could relocate to Romney Gym when it is renovated and Lashaway replied that it would be incompatible. Thull is unable to support this if the Board is unable to define “temporary.” Butler moved to approve used of the Academic Building R&R Funds to temporarily put the Testing Center in the Basement of Renne Library. Blunck seconded the Motion. The Vote:
Yes: 12
No:  1 (Thull)

This meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

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