MEETING NOTES OF THE
UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD
February 10, 2015

Members Present: Bob Lashaway, Neil Jorgensen, Tom Stump, Michael Everts, Jeff Butler, Dana Dale, Kurt Blunk, Sara Mannheimer, Chris Fastnow, Fatih Rifki

Proxy: Tom Stump for Brenda York

Members Absent: Nancy Cornwell, Walt Banziger, Brett Gunnink, Chris Kearns, Martha Potvin, Julie Tatarka, Charles Boyer, Renee Reijo Pera, Allyson Brekke, Greg Gilpin

Staff & Guests: Randy Stephens, Candace Mastel, Sam Des Jardins, Andy Allen

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

ITEM No. 1 – Approval of Meeting Notes
Fastnow moved to approve the meeting notes from January 13, 2015 and January 27, 2015. Stump seconded the motion. Both sets of 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

The agenda was reorganized in the following order:

ITEM No. 4 –RECOMMENDATION - Campus Outdoor Furniture
Candace Mastel presented a proposal for a Campus standard for outdoor furniture, and how it applies adjacent to a building or structure. Outdoor furnishings have been an ongoing conversation for some time; currently the Victor Stanley bench is pretty standard, as it has an institutional quality and durability. This doesn’t apply to all situations when there is a desire to create environments for studying, and allowing for ADA accessibility. In the core areas of Campus, donor and memorial benches have been installed, and round tables have been used for ADA accessibility. The proposal requests the ability to determine that in special areas such as next to buildings (in a plaza or other public outdoor space), furniture could be selected to integrate with the context of the surrounding architecture and programming, that is different from the common public area standard. The proposal consists of three basic tenants and a tiered system (see Campus Outdoor Furniture Staff Report). There are a couple places on Campus where this has taken place, including Gallatin Hall.

Fastnow asked for clarification of what the standard allows; Mastel explained that it would not designate an exact type of furniture, but does say that the color, quality, and style would be in similar keeping. Butler commented that he would want individual furniture requests at buildings to come to UFPB for review; Fastnow agreed. Jorgensen asked if there would be cases that require furniture to be fixed in place; this could be determined on a case by case basis. Lashaway stated that if furniture outside of the standard is being proposed, and it would come to UFPB for each case; a motion and vote is not needed for this item. The group discussed that this proposal is more of a design guidelines.

ITEM No. 5 –RECOMMENDATION - Jabs Hall Outdoor Furniture
Sam Des Jardins presented the proposal for outdoor furniture for the outdoor plaza on southwest corner of Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship. This is a location that would deviate from the Campus standard for outdoor furniture, as discussed above. The reason for this request is that it is an extension of the building, and is a unique opportunity to provide a collaborative space adjacent to the building. The seating that is being requested can be seen on the Jabs Hall Outdoor Furniture Staff Report. Lashaway commented that he would characterize this outdoor space as a sidewalk café environment, which is very different from other spaces on Campus.
Everts asked if there is storage for this furniture; Butler explained that it could be left where it sits in all weather. This furniture is durable for the outdoors and could be used all year round. There were several objections to the color of the furniture; the general consensus was that a less contrasting color would be more fitting. Mastel explained that this color was selected based on the complimenting the colors of the building; and the building occupants (the client) prefer the color that has been selected. Mastel noted that there are a sample table and chairs currently located on the building site, so it can be viewed.

Stump moved to approve the American furniture warehouse furniture. Blunck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote:
Yes: 11
No: 0

Stump moved that the concept of the remainder of the furniture is okay but the color (less dramatic color deviation) should be brought back to UFPB. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote:
Yes: 11
No: 0

ITEM No. 7 –INFORMATIONAL - Miller Dining Hall Update
Andy Allen presented an update on the Miller Dining Hall construction. The landscaping plan is in progress and is being reviewed in conjunction with the landscaping of the Freshman Residence Complex. In order to complete this project on time, it is necessary to allow the contractor to take over more of the dining hall starting in Spring Break. Stump explained that the project is at the point that it is necessary to give more of main floor to contractor so they can complete the work in the servery areas. This information is being communicated to students and parents, and ASMSU. Starting Spring Break, there will be two temporary mobile kitchens within the construction site in front of Miller Dining Hall, and the students will be fed in a smaller space will extend into North and South Hedges lobbies (grab-and-go which is popular with students). The Food Service staff will manage the temporary kitchens and the related operations. The portion of the dining hall that will be worked on will be separated from the serveries and eating area. There will be some power shutdowns during Spring Break associated with getting power to the temporary kitchens and the remainder of the construction. These adjustments will help ensure that the project is completed by August 20th, with Food Services able to start training on the equipment in July. The asbestos abatement began during Winter Break and is currently being worked on. If anyone would like more information about this project, please contact Campus Planning, Design & Construction at 994-5413.

ITEM No. 6 –INFORMATIONAL - Chalking on Sidewalks
This item will be discussed at a future UFPB meeting.

This meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.