

Minutes of the University Facilities Committee

The Facilities Committee met for the first time in the 2006-07 AY on Monday, September 18 at 1:30 pm in the Sanders Board Room in Dean Rusk Hall at the Law School. Those in attendance included Steve Baginski, Karen Bauer, John Blackstone, Adrian Childs, Joe Disponzio, Robert Dove, Del Dunn, Loch Johnson, Ralph Johnson, Pam Leffert, Claudia Shamp, David Shipley, Danny Sniff, Phil Tomporowski, and Bruce Hollett. Also in attendance were Joe Dorsey from Space Management, Hank Huckaby and Kathy Pharr.

2005-06 Chair David Shipley called the meeting to order, introductions were made and he read the Committee's charge.

Ms. Kathy Pharr from the Office of the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration explained the Major Repair and Renovation (MRR) process and then discussed the work of the MRR Committee, the projects that were funded last year, and some of the projects under consideration this year. Ralph Johnson also discussed MRR projects and the role of the Physical Plant Division.

Danny Sniff, Associate Vice President, Facilities Planning Office, discussed the major capital projects on campus including those underway and those in the planning stage as well as possible changes in the way the Board of Regents (BOR) might fund capital projects.

Hank Huckaby discussed the Navy Supply School property and the complex process for submitting proposals to the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA). The Board of Regents and the Governor's Office are taking an active role in this process and are treating it as a real estate acquisition. The UGA/Board of Regents proposal is due on November 8, 2006, but the Navy School will not move out of the property until March 2, 2011.

Loch Johnson raised serious concerns about the use of the intramural fields near Lake Herrick for football parking and questioned why the Facilities Committee had not been consulted about this use of University land. It was noted that many other schools in the SEC use intramural fields for parking on game days. Professor Shipley agreed to ask Rodney Bennett from Student Affairs to meet with the committee to discuss this concern. Joe Disponzio asked whether the railroad line close to Sanford Stadium could be utilized to facilitate the use of distant parking on game days. It was noted that the tracks fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation and are leased to a local short-line railroad.

David Shipley agreed to serve as Chair until the end of December when Loch Johnson will become Chair. Shipley and Claudia Shamp will represent the Facilities Committee on the MRR Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, David Shipley