

Meeting of the Committee on Facilities, University Council
Peabody Room, The Administration Building
January 31, 2007

The first meeting of the Spring Semester was called to order at 4:00 in the afternoon by the Committee chair, Loch K. Johnson.

The first item of business was a briefing from Paul Cassilly and Sean Rogers, representatives of the Office of the University Architects (OUA). They provided updates on current major projects, as follows:

- Art School. Started in the fall, it is now “flying” ahead of schedule. Concrete is being poured. Scheduled move-in is September of 2008.
- Art Museum. Fundraising is going well, and OUA is almost ready for the start of the design process. Funding for the project is 100 percent private. \$20 million will pay for renovation, improving gallery space and offices, and an addition for more gallery space. Gluckman-Mayner did the study and the OUA expects them to be involved in the design.
- Tate Center expansion. OUA expects to break ground in early summer. The design has changed some, not a “mirror” of the SLC. The expansion will be a separate building from Tate, creating a quad between it and the SLC. The first interior building will have meeting rooms and sites for student functions. The second building, which is not yet funded, will be on top of a new parking deck adjacent to the Tate Center expansion. The first building and the parking deck are expected to take a year-and-a-half to complete, with the parking deck finished in January 2008.

Bill Davis interjected that the School of Music (SOM) would like a parking deck for SOM and the Performing Arts Center. The new Art School is being built on a site that was previously available for parking. All of the nearby available parking spots are already used by SOM, the Performing Arts, and the Museum of Art. There are no available parking spots for the Art School faculty and staff. The SOM and the Performing Arts Center have many programs that draw non-UGA personnel to their buildings during the day, which puts additional pressure on this part of campus.

- Pharmacy. The new building will be located where there is a parking lot for the current Pharmacy building. Approval for funding is needed from the General Assembly and the Board of Regents. A cut-through for traffic has been negotiated with Forestry.
- Housing Phase 2. Myers Quad and Reed Quad renovations are temporarily on hold.
- Health Center. Expansion includes an addition and a parking deck for \$17 million.
- Business School. A master plan for a complex of buildings was prepared for fundraising purposes. The general location is in the Northwest precinct of campus, between a parking deck and the SLC, where there are currently parking lots.

- Veterinarian School Teaching Hospital. This project is in the early stages of planning, with estimated costs of \$65 million.
- Navy School: The University has put forward a proposal.

Ralph Johnson, from the Physical Plant, is a member of the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) for planning related to the Navy School property. He noted the following:

- The redevelopment is required to consider the needs of the homeless, according to the McKinney Act.
 - ACC Leisure Services has also put in a request for use to the LRA.
 - The LRA is to consolidate the plans and submit a master/final plan to the Navy by April or May.
 - Hank Huckaby has indicated that he would be willing to visit the Facilities Committee to discuss the University plan for the Navy School property.
- Ralph Johnson was asked why there were no members of the University Council Facilities Committee on the LRA committee.
 - The response: The LRA is not an appropriate place for the Committee's participation.
 - It was noted by the chair that news of the University's plan comes to the Committee largely by way of the local newspaper.
 - Ralph Johnson noted further that May 2011 is the Navy's estimate of when the school will close down. The law requires closing by September 2011.

The discussion shifted to the Board of Regents's (BOR) new procedure for large capital projects. The OUA representatives noted that the BOR has instituted a major procedural change. The old process was perceived as too slow. Under the new process, institutions will receive a six-year allocation for a group of projects. The group will receive a vote from the BOR faster than under the old system. The new system is better for planning, but there are still many unknowns. It may also be an improvement for getting medium-sized projects approved. Some items from the former list (such as the Special Collections Library) will have to be resubmitted.

- A Committee member inquired as to whether this process would be used for deferred maintenance, and how the six-year plan would relate to and escalation in costs.
- OUA answered that these answers are not known yet. The system will probably start in the summer, with a plan that will be submitted for approval in the Governor's budget for FY '09.

At this point, the chair asked about the Alumni Center project, the status of the fraternity buildings on Lumpkin, and the Vet School biohazard safety building. The representatives from the OUA reported the following:

- The Alumni Center is on hold.
- UGA has given the fraternities a deadline for accepting the offer of space on campus. None have accepted so far.

- The biohazard safety building needs certification from the USDA for full occupancy, which should be forthcoming soon.

A Committee member asked if UGA does a regular, systematic review of building conditions. The response was that there is a rolling Facility Condition Assessment that runs on a three-to-four year cycle. The questioner mentioned that deferred maintenance is estimated at \$250-300 million.

Bill Davis commented that SOM has a terrible problem with storage space and asked whether others have similar problems. No one was aware of a general problem. It was suggested that anyone with a storage problem contact Kathy McCarty about space in the warehouse; it was also mentioned that people could contact J. Dorsey.

Ralph Johnson mentioned a number of other projects and their status.

- Elevator at Environmental Health Sciences Bldg: Physical Plant is hoping to award the contract soon and complete work in the summer.

Elevator for Baldwin: in the study phase.

RJ also mentioned, regarding the Navy School, that UGA was explicitly told not to try to include in its proposal a plan for helping the homeless. That is the LRA's task.

Loch Johnson asked for any corrections to the bylaws, to be sent to him by email before midnight that night.

There was a discussion about the role of the Committee on Facilities. The chair noted that it is an important forum for passing on information, but that it also has the capacity to offer proposals to the Council related to facilities matters.

Finally, the chair asked for suggestions about items for future Committee meetings. Topics mentioned included the odor problem on South Campus, the Ramsey Center schedule during winter break, whether UGA should have a "Green" building policy, and how the Committee might become more involved in the planning and oversight for the Navy School property. The chair stated that he would invite Hank Huckaby to visit the committee at its next meeting. The session was adjourned at 5:02 pm.

Minutes taken by Lawrence Lamanna, Assistant to the Chair, and reviewed, edited, and respectfully submitted by Loch K. Johnson (February 5, 2007).