

University Facilities Committee Meeting

April 3, 2015

Room 329, Special Collections Library

Attendance:

Toby Graham	University Librarian
Tom Satterly	Facilities Management Division
Danny Sniff	University Architect
Sheila Davis	President's Office
Jimmy Williamson	Univ. Police
Russell Malmberg	Franklin College
Fausto Sarmiento	Geography
Bynum Boley	Forestry
Susan Roberts	School of Art
Brian Kiepper	Poultry Science
Brock Tessman	SPIA
Marc Galvin	Law
Bill Tollner (chair)	Engineering

The committee was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Bill Tollner.

I. **Campus Projects Highlights – Danny Sniff and Tom Satterly**

The MMR budget came back to a more normal condition this year. UGA expects to receive some \$16 Million next FY. All capital projects were approved. The efforts expected to be funded via MMR include the following:

- Replacement of coal fired boiler
- Chilled water line to Brumby and Russell halls
- CCRC extension to enable a Molecular Medicine center that will be unique in the US and one of two or three around the world.
- Business school phase 1 to open this fall. Phase 2 funds were approved at the just-ended legislative session.
- Finish Baldwin Hall renovations to make the building handicap accessible.
- Solar energy farm on South Milledge

II. **Traffic congestion on Carlton St. around the new Science Learning Center – Dr. Russell Malmberg**

The Science Learning Center will have a capacity of 1500 students, and about 1000 will be there at any one time, substantially adding to currently crowded environment near the Science Learning Center. Usage of the cobblestone stop by Campus busses, city bus and as a drop-off point has already increased. Russell put forward the idea of implementing the

round-a-bout originally planned when the D W Brooks Mall was created. Topography, utilities and the like complicate such decisions; however, good discussion came forward.

A new athletic training complex may further complicate vehicle and pedestrian flow, if it were located on at least one of the sites said to be under consideration.

Chief Williamson commented that Special Events Traffic has increased over the past year. The new athletic center under consideration may further complicate traffic and pedestrian flow. Carleton Street has the potential to become another Baldwin Street, unless strategic interventions are forthcoming.

Resolution: The Facilities Committee strongly encourages the central administration to consider engaging a traffic engineering firm for analyzing the Carleton Street corridor who could provide 1) vehicular and pedestrian flow projections; and, 2) proposals for handling the vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow in a safe and expeditious manner.

III. University Libraries transition from the analogue age to the digital age – Dr. Toby Graham

Dr. Graham provided an overview of library facilities. The library as a whole logged some 3 million visitors last year, with 2 million being at the Miller Learning Center. Since Miller extended operations to 24 hours, some 26,000 have visited between 2 am and 7 am. Traffic at the Main Library has increased 10% since recent renovations. Similarly, traffic at the Science Library has increased some 40% since recent renovations. In concert with the THINK initiative, the Science Library is creating space for GIS, 3-D printing, and other “creative zones.” The Carnegie Library on the Health Sciences Campus is the latest library renovation effort.

The library operates facilities at the Vet School, Music, Skidaway, Griffin, and Tifton, and at the Capitol in Atlanta. The Library is a significant provider to the State of Georgia Galileo program.

Around 100,000 hard copy materials was checked out last year. Some 10 years ago the number was around a million. Around three million electronic downloads were made this past year.

The question was asked regarding the trend in revenue collected via fines over the past few years. Dr. Graham indicated that the library only collects fines but does not have a budget line for fines. Fine revenue goes to a university fund, and the annual amount was unknown by anyone present.

The South Milledge repository was discussed. The availability of legacy journals and books in electronic form is a reality; however, publishers charge extreme prices, which make a

wholesale conversion to digital holding untenable at this time. There is some incremental progress. A service for scanning journal articles is being added, which will expedite reception of ordered journal articles.

The committee and Dr. Graham responded favorably to a request from the floor for an additional entrance to the Science Library. The utility of existing entrances declined with the closure of D W Brooks Drive. An entrance closer to Sanford Drive or Soule Street would be preferable. Entrance and egress needs to buildings near Carlton Street should be considered by the traffic engineering firm referenced earlier.

Models of Library service to campuses include the Concentrated Model and the Distributed model. Some surrounding states use the concentrated model, which contains most services in one building. UGA follows a distributed model. Evidence is that the distributed model seems to be more robust than the concentrated model for transitioning from classical analogue to modern digital era.

Dr. Graham enumerated several points of pride regarding the National status of UGA libraries from various liberal arts discipline viewpoints. As we transition our facilities in the digital era, given what was presented, we have every hope of one day furthering that reputation in the sciences and engineering as well.

IV. Election of a chair for 2015-16

Dr. Brian Keipper, Poultry Science, agreed to accept the chairmanship of the Facilities Committee for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.