

Minutes
Physical Planning and Funding Committee
Thursday, October 9, 1997

The Physical Planning and Funding Committee met jointly with the Business and Finance Committee. The meeting was convened by Regent Jonathan Barry at 1:40 p.m. in Room 111 of the UW-Superior Rothwell Student Center. Present were Regents Barry, Brandes, De Braska, DeSimone, Hempel, James, Marcovich, Mohs, and Regent Vice President Orr. Regent Grebe was absent.

I.3.a. UW-Superior Cooperative Agreements for Use of Physical Facilities

UW-Superior Assistant Chancellor for Administration & Finance Ron Lostetter gave an informative presentation on cooperative use of numerous facilities. These joint uses help the community and local businesses, but most importantly, enable the students at UW-Superior to enjoy expanded instructional and recreational facilities.

The joint meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Physical Planning and Funding Committee Convened

The meeting of the Physical Planning and Funding Committee was convened by Committee Chair Regent Barry at 2:05 p.m. Present were Regents Barry, De Braska, James and Mohs.

I.3.b. Approval of Committee Minutes

On the motion of Regent Mohs and second of Regent De Braska, the minutes of the September 4, 1997 meeting of the Physical Planning and Funding Committee were approved as distributed.

I.3.c. Vice President's Report

The Vice President's Report included two items.

(1) Legislative Action of the 97-99 Capital Budget

There are no changes anticipated from previous reports.

(2) Report on Building Commission Actions

Assistant Vice President Ives reported that 7 UW System projects previously approved by the Board of Regents were approved at the September State Building Commission meeting. Those projects are:

- UW-Eau Claire - Crest Wellness Center
- UW-Madison - Electrical Utility Upgrade
- UW-Madison - Adams, Tripp and Sellery Residence Halls Maintenance
- UW-Madison - 1997-99 Utility Upgrade
- UW-Platteville - Russell Hall Remodeling
- UW-Stevens Point - Residence Halls Renovation - Phase 3
- UW-Stevens Point - Parking Lot Development

Additionally, Building Trust Funds and Program Revenues were released to prepare plans and design reports for the following major projects:

UW-Milwaukee - Sabin Hall Remodeling
 UW-Parkside P.E. Fieldhouse Addition/Remodeling
 UW-Stout Communication Center Replacement
 UW-Green Bay Academic Building

I.3.d. UW-Superior Campus Development Plan Progress Report

UW-Superior Chancellor Julius Erlenbach briefed the physical planning committee on the status of physical development planning at UW-Superior. Just as all institutions, UW-Superior is in the process of updating its development plan, targeting completion by the February 1, 1998, to coincide with the planning calendar for the 1999-2001 biennial budget. He explained the importance of a quality exterior master plan in providing an important impression for recruitment and retention of students and faculty.

I.3.e. Major Planning Issues for 1999-01 and Beyond

Assistant Vice President Ives and System Facilities Planner Jim Albers set a framework for establishing criteria for ranking projects in the next biennium.

There are a variety of issues related to the quality and quantity of university facilities. These problems are going to need creative solutions to make the best possible fiscal and physical decisions. It was the sense of the committee that staff are on the right track, focusing on adaptive reuse of existing space and seeking innovative methods of funding and using new space.

Assistant Vice President Ives presented the following Physical Planning requests:

I.3.f. UW-Platteville: Student Center Remodeling Project

Agenda Item I.3.f. requested authority to change the scope of the Student Center Remodeling project to a project for construction of a facility, and to proceed with design of a new Student Center to be constructed during the 1997-99 biennium at an estimated cost of approximately \$10.4 million, funded as follows:

Program Revenue - Student Fees (cash & borrowing):	\$ 7,400,000
Gift Funds/Program Revenue:	3,000,000

Design would also include an academic component in the form of a Technology Mall. That portion would be considered for GPR funding and prioritized along with other University System academic needs for the 1999-01 biennium. That component is currently estimated at approximately \$4.5 million, and would be implemented when funding is available. The University is aware that funding may not be forthcoming during 1999-01, and no commitment is being sought at this time.

The requested change in scope will provide construction of a new Student Center in lieu of renovating the existing Student Center as originally proposed. It is anticipated that the new facility will be sited in a central campus location and will provide about 90,000 square feet of space to create a contemporary, flexible environment in support of student life activities of learning, recreation, dining, meeting and shopping.

As a significant change from the typical student center, the proposed facility will serve as a campus focal point for formal and informal interaction between students and faculty to extend and augment academic activities. This will be achieved by providing state-of-the-art technology throughout the building in a variety of forms. Small clusters of freestanding computers will be available for e-mail and informal student use. Others will be located in lounges, retail and recreation areas. A large computer lab or mall with up to 200 PC's, along with the distributed computers, will enable students to further integrate learning technologies with the other activities of student life.

The preliminary estimate to construct the new facility is approximately \$14.9 million. Typically, student centers are constructed using program revenues from student segregated fees and other user revenues (food service, etc.). Space that supports academic activities such as the computer lab is typically funded by GPR. The students at UW-Platteville have approved spending \$7.4 million in Segregated Fees (cash and bonding) for this facility. In addition, the University is willing and able to dedicate approximately \$3 million in other resources toward the project. It is planned that the entire facility will be designed at this time and constructed in phases that will be dependent upon available funding. As noted above, there is sufficient funding to proceed with \$10.4 million worth of construction at this time. The University will be requesting GPR funding for the balance of the project as part of its 1999-01 submission to System Administration. That request will be advanced to the Regents for consideration in the context of systemwide priorities. The University is aware that funding may not be forthcoming during 1999-01, and no commitment is being sought at this time.

Upon the motion of Regent James, and second of Regent Mohs, the Committee approved Resolution I.3.f.

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That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Platteville Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, Authority be granted to change the scope of the Student Center Remodeling project to a project for construction of a facility, and to proceed with design of a new Student Center to be constructed at an estimated cost of \$10.4 million (\$7.4 million Program Revenue-Student Fees (cash and borrowing) and \$3.0 million Gift Funds/Program Revenue) that includes a \$4.5 million Technology Mall that will be considered for GPR funding and prioritized with other University System academic needs for the 1999-01 biennium. No GPR funding commitment is being made at this time.

I.3.g. UW Colleges (various campuses): Special Equipment to develop Multi-media/Distance Education facilities at UW College campuses

Agenda Item I.3.g. requested approval to seek state funding for Special Equipment to develop Multi-Media/Distance Education facilities at various UW College campuses, at an estimated total cost of \$1,135,875 General Fund Supported Borrowing (\$203,450 existing 95-97 All-Agency Funds, \$87,375 existing 97-99 UW Colleges' Capital Equipment Funds, \$466,150 97-99 UW Colleges' Capital Equipment Funds, and \$378,900 97-99 UW System Classroom Renovation/Instructional Technology project funds). State funding for this equipment is included as part of the UW System's 1997-99 Capital Budget Request.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be developed to acquire and install compatible, multi-media/distance education equipment at each of the 13 freshman-sophomore campuses. The technology will provide two-way compressed video capabilities at 30 frames/second at each location. Equipment will include such items as instructor consoles, digital cameras, preview monitors, computers, VCR's, scan converters, microphone/sound systems, remote control panels, annotator/video markers, video display units, video mixers, and codec machines. The type of

equipment and number of monitors will depend upon the size and layout of the rooms designated for multi-media/distance education capabilities.

Upon the motion of Regent Mohs, and second of Regent James, the Committee approved Resolution I.3.g.

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That, upon the recommendation of the UW Colleges Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to seek state funding for Special Equipment to develop Multi-Media/Distance Education facilities at various UW College campuses, at an estimated total cost of \$1,135,875 General Fund Supported Borrowing. (\$203,450 existing 95-97 All-Agency Funds, \$87,375 existing 97-99 UW Colleges' Capital Equipment Funds, \$466,150 97-99 UW Colleges' Capital Equipment Funds, and \$378,900 97-99 UW System Classroom Renovation/Instructional Technology project funds).

Adjournment

There were no other items requiring the committee's consideration and the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.



Judy Knoll, Recording Secretary