

Minutes
Physical Planning and Funding Committee
Thursday, May 7, 1998

The Physical Planning and Funding Committee was convened by Chair Regent Barry at 1:30 p.m. in Room 221 of UW-Oshkosh Memorial Union. Present were Regents, De Braska, James, Mohs, and Barry.

I.3.a. Approval of Committee Minutes

On the motion of Regent James and second of Regent Mohs, the minutes of the April 2, 1998 meeting of the Physical Planning and Funding Committee were approved as distributed.

I.3.b. Vice President's Report

Vice President Bromberg discussed the framework for 1999-01 capital budget planning. She said the current practice is that projects for remodeling and new space costing over \$500,000 must be specifically enumerated in a biennial budget, regardless of source of funds. All state agencies compete for GPR funds for enumerated projects. In the past, DOA established a cap for those requests based on the average received over the previous five biennia. However, that cap had little relationship to agency need or the amount of funds ultimately approved. Therefore, the cap has been eliminated, and agencies have been urged to use restraint in preparing requests for 99-01. As in the past, the state intends to limit debt service to no more than 4 percent of the statewide GPR budget.

Additionally, the Building Commission administers an All Agency fund that pays for maintenance and repair projects for all state agencies. The amount the UW System can expect to receive either through enumeration or through the All Agency fund is not known up front. This hinders planning for maintenance and renewal of existing space, as well as development of additional space to meet program needs.

Although state funding for renewal of existing facilities has increased over the past six biennia both through enumeration of specific projects and the use of All Agency funds, funding has not kept pace with needs of the University System. Even with renewal as its highest priority, the Regents have recognized that there will continue to be a need for new facilities.

Vice President Bromberg explained the multiple source approach to funding capital projects. She stated that this strategy would incorporate asking the state for a dedicated amount of GPR bonding authority that would be enumerated specifically to maintain, renew and replace University facilities. Within that amount, the Regents would establish priorities based on input from the campuses. Individual projects related to existing space would not require specific enumeration, but would require Building Commission approval to implement. Projects for new space would still compete with other state agencies for specific enumeration. The System would also continue to explore special collaborative programs with the state, such as WISTAR and Healthstar.

Vice President Bromberg explained capital budget priorities. She mentioned that the criteria for ranking 1999-01 capital requests emphasizes maintenance and renewal of existing space. Those criteria also support the Regents' Study of the System in the 21st Century related to improving the quality of education, incorporating contemporary technology into the learning environment, and expanding collaborative efforts between and among various educational enterprises. System Administration staff are currently evaluating campus requests based on those criteria.

Regent briefings in June and July will include System's recommended priorities. Staff will recommend an amount of funds to be dedicated to maintaining, renewing, and replacing existing facilities. System will also be advancing a minimal number of requests for new space for your consideration. Finally, recommendations will be made for some projects to be planned and designed during 99-01, with the intent of seeking construction funding during the 2001-03 biennium. Bromberg said that this longer term schedule should greatly assist the chancellors in academic planning.

I.3.c. Report on Building Commission Actions

Assistant Vice President Nancy Ives reported that 7 UW System projects were approved by the State Building Commission at the April meeting. Those projects are:

- UW-Eau Claire - Crest Wellness Center Remodeling
- UW-La Crosse - Whitney Center Dining Room Remodeling
- UW-Madison - Arlington Dairy Research Center Barn
- UW-Madison - Northeast Family Practice Clinic Ownership Transfer
- UW-River Falls - Hunt Arena Refrigeration Equipment Replacement
- UW-Whitewater - Williams Center Tennis Court Replacement
- UW-Whitewater - Campus Information Center and Pedestrian Circulation (Design Report)

Ives mentioned that the legislature had approved the statutory change on Downer Woods to enable design of the residence hall. It will return to the Regents for construction approval.

Assistant Vice President Nancy Ives presented the following Physical Planning requests:

I.3.d. UW Madison: Babcock Drive Reconstruction Project (Design Report)

Agenda Item I.3.d. requests approval of the Design Report and authority to construct the Babcock Drive Reconstruction project, at an estimated total project cost of \$499,000, using Institutional Funds. This project will address vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic flow near the primary intersection of University Avenue and Campus Drive.

Vehicular improvements will consist of: (a) restoring the access drive for westbound traffic from University Avenue to Babcock Drive (in front of the new Biochemistry Building); (b) reconstructing Babcock Drive for two-way traffic, in lieu of a one-way, northbound street; and (c) constructing a new campus exit from Babcock Drive across the railroad right-of-way and onto the westbound lanes of Campus Drive. All motor vehicle lanes will be 11-foot wide. The new southbound Babcock Drive traffic lane will require an at-grade crossing over the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad's (W&SRR) tracks. W&SRR will construct the track crossing and install railroad crossing signals. The proposed project will be coordinated with the W&SRR work.

The bicycle portion will include restoring the existing bicycle paths from the central campus area, at the intersection of Linden and Babcock Drives, to the primary east-west bicycle paths on University Avenue. The five-foot wide paths will run parallel to the road surfaces on Babcock Drive and the access drive from University Avenue. The portion of the outbound bicycle path, which runs parallel to the one-way access road, will be separated from oncoming traffic by a three-foot buffer painted on the road surface and from the railroad right-of-way by a safety fence.

The pedestrian portion will include: (a) constructing a 10-foot wide sidewalk from Babcock Drive across the railroad tracks and east to the existing sidewalk at the intersection of Campus Drive and University Avenue; (b) removing a portion of existing sidewalk immediately north of the Campus Drive and University Avenue intersection; and (c) erecting a new safety fence along the north side of the railroad right-of-way from University Avenue to Babcock Drive.

The railroad hasn't approved this change yet and we won't proceed with this request until they do.

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

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That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Design Report be approved and authority be granted to construct a Babcock Drive Reconstruction project, at an estimated total project cost of \$499,000, using Institutional Funds.

I.3.e. UW-Madison: Armory (Red Gym) Renovation Project

Agenda Item I.3.e. requested authority to increase the budget of the Armory (Red Gym) Renovation project. A budget increase is needed to complete the renovation of the 104-year-old Armory to consolidate undergraduate admissions, student-related services, and student organization activities. The increase will enable the University to undertake items that were bid as add-alternates or were eliminated when the initial bids came in over budget.

Additional funding will restore the following work to the project: installing interior skylights in third floor offices, a new railing and decorative grillwork at the front entrance, metal frame/glass wall instead of dry wall at the mezzanine level, and carpet in additional rooms; removing paint in three rooms; upgrading hardware and light fixtures to replicate the building's original 19th century fixtures; and additional interior and graphic design work. Directional signage will be installed throughout the building, and additional furniture, movable equipment and AV technology will be acquired.

Upon the motion of Regent James and second of Regent De Braska, the Committee approved Resolution I.3.e.

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That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to increase the budget of the Armory (Red Gym) Renovation project by \$628,125 of Gift Funds, for a revised budget of \$12,652,325 (\$5,500,000, General Fund Supported Borrowing, \$274,200 General Fund Supported Borrowing-WISTAR, and \$6,878,125 Gifts/Grants).

I.3.f. UW-Madison: Goodman Softball Complex Project Scope and Budget Increase

Agenda Item I.3.f. requested approval to expand the project scope and increase the budget of the Robert and Irwin Goodman Softball Complex project.

An increase in scope and budget for the Robert and Irwin Goodman Softball complex is requested to provide an additional 512 spectator seats in the grandstand, including additional accessible and companion seats. This will involve adding 256 seats along both the first and third base lines. Other changes will include modifying an access ramp to accommodate the accessible seating and adding another toilet compartment to the women's restroom.

The Softball Complex project, as initially approved, will provide for reorientation of the existing softball field and construction of an athletic grandstand facility with permanent seating for approximately 1,100. The requested increase will expand the seating capacity to about 1,600. The spectator seats will be constructed primarily along the first and third base lines on either side of a main stadium building.

The two-story main building will contain public restrooms, locker rooms with showers and toilets, a training room, first aid office, storage areas, coaches' offices, souvenir and concession areas. The project will also include construction of a press box and ticket booth and exterior improvements.

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

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That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to expand the project scope and increase the budget of the Robert and Irwin Goodman Softball Complex project by \$193,500 of Gift Funds, for a revised budget of \$1,793,500 (\$1,093,500 Gift Funds and \$700,000 Residual Program Revenue Bonding).

I.3.g. UW-Oshkosh Development Plan Update

Chancellor Kerrigan introduced the UW-Oshkosh Development Plan Update. Joel Edson spoke about UW-Oshkosh Plan 2000, the expansion of the student center and reconfiguration of some of the campus auxiliaries. He mentioned the Halsey Science Project and the need for updating classrooms as well as the discussed the combined efforts of the City of Oshkosh and the university working together to acquire the old Universal Foundry property. Ken Saiki presented a slideshow of the campus master plan.

Adjournment

The Physical Planning and Funding Committee was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Judy Knoll, Recording Secretary