

Minutes
Physical Planning and Funding Committee

Thursday, July 7, 1999

The Physical Planning and Funding Committee meeting was convened by Regent Barry at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1920 of Van Hise Hall. Present were Regents, Barry, James and Mohs. Regent DeBraska was absent.

I.3.a. Approval of Committee Minutes

On the motion of Regent Mohs and second of Regent James, the minutes of the June 10, 1999 meeting of the Physical Planning and Funding Committee were approved.

I.3. b. Report of the Vice President/Assistant Vice President

Assistant Vice President Nancy Ives reported that 15 UW System projects totaling about \$46 M were approved at the June State Building Commission Meeting.

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

I.3.c. UW-La Crosse: Wing Technology Center Remodeling (Design Report)

Agenda item I.3.d. requested approval of the Design Report and authority to construct a Wing Technology Center Remodeling project at an estimated total project cost of \$9,887,000 using General Fund Supported Borrowing, contingent upon passage of the 1999-01 Capital Budget. This project was approved by the Board of Regents and authorized by the State Building Commission for planning and design as part of the 1997-99 Capital Budget. Support of the Wing Technology Center Remodeling project endorsed by the Board of Regents and fully funded at a level of \$9,887,000 by the State Building Commission as part of the 1999-01 Capital Budget.

UW-La Crosse included Information Technology as an integral part of the University's strategic plan. The Wing facility has been identified to serve as the University's instructional/information technology hub to foster student-centered learning and continue to host instructional and administrative campus computing activities.

Renovations will update building utilities and extend central chilled water to the building. Other work will provide asbestos abatement, renewal of building finishes, and installation of state-of-the-art technology. The project will construct two multi-media classrooms equipped for distance learning programming and general access computing laboratories.

Approval of this project at this time will enable a February 2000 bid opening with construction starting in May 2000 and completion in August 2001.

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

Resolution I.3.c.

That, upon the recommendation of the UW-La Crosse Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Design Report be approved and authority be granted to construct a Wing Technology Center Remodeling project at an estimated total project cost of \$9,887,000 using General Fund Supported Borrowing, contingent upon passage of the 1999-01 Capital Budget.

I.3.d. UW-Madison: Land Conveyance to City of Spooner

Agenda item I.3.d. requested authority to grant a permanent right-of-way easement or to sell to the City of Spooner a strip of land 33 feet wide by 2,640 feet long at UW-Madison's Spooner Agricultural Research Station along the north boundary of the Spooner Agricultural Research Station to the City of Spooner, Washburn County.

The City of Spooner owns a 33-foot wide roadway along the north boundary of the university's property, and wishes to secure a full 66-foot wide right-of-way for utilities and an improved street. The Research Station has always had a cooperative relationship with the City of Spooner, and endorses this transaction. The conveyance will not adversely affect continuing agricultural research at the station.

In consideration for this easement, the City of Spooner will pay \$3,850, relocate an old university fence on the property line and establish a new timber screen of seedlings along the new northern boundary of the Station. The University will use the proceeds to support ongoing research at the Station.

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

Resolution I.3.d.

That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be given to grant a permanent right-of-way easement or to sell to the City of Spooner a strip of land 33 feet wide by 2,640 feet long at UW-Madison's Spooner Agricultural Research Station. The City will make a payment of \$3,850, the average of two appraisals, for either transaction.

I.3.e. UW-Oshkosh: Reeve Union/Blackhawk Commons Remodeling/Addition (Design Report)

Agenda item I.3.e. requested approval of the Design Report and authority to construct the Reeve Memorial Union Addition and Blackhawk Commons Remodeling project at an estimated total project cost of \$18,600,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing, contingent upon passage of the 1999-01 Capital Budget. The project was recommended for construction funding in the 1999-01 biennium by the Board of Regents and State Building Commission.

An extensive planning process, called Project 2000, was initiated in early 1996 to create a unified University Center. Planning focused on evaluation of the Reeve Student Union and other campus service-related facilities.

This project will construct a 78,200 GSF addition and remodel approximately 77,500 GSF of space in Reeve Memorial Union and remodel approximately 36,800 GSF of space in the Blackhawk Commons.

Reeve Union: The new and remodeled space will: provide expanded dining, banquet, and meeting room facilities; incorporate branded food franchise operations into a retail dining area; provide additional service and program support spaces; and provide additional and improved student organizational and administrative staff space. Remodeling will also accommodate the University Bookstore. The project will also: update the building's HVAC, electrical, plumbing and communications systems in the remodeled portion of the existing facility; replace the deficient electrical service to the building; and provide connections to the new campus chilled water system as well as bring the entire facility into compliance with current energy codes.

The addition has been sited to strengthen the connections between the various academic and student life areas on campus. The form of the building will create a major campus landmark.

Blackhawk Commons: The lower level contains the central kitchen for the campus, loading dock/service areas and mechanical spaces. The upper level will be remodeled to provide all of the food service areas, dining areas, dishwashing facilities and restrooms. Blackhawk Commons is designed to be a "marketplace" dining environment.

Remodeling of the major entrance on the north side of the building will include installation of an additional elevator to provide an accessible route to all existing building levels.

This project will be funded in part by increased student segregated fees. In December 1997, the student Segregated Fee Committee approved segregated fee increases of \$32 in 1998-99, another \$36 in 1999-00, and \$13 in 2000-01 for a total three year increase of \$81 for this project. The Titan Stadium bond issues will be retired in 2001 and in 2003. Current fees used for those bond payments will be redirected to pay for this project. The balance of the project will be paid by the University Bookstore, a non-segregated fee auxiliary. The committee was also notified that, while it is expected that additional operating costs will be absorbed by

anticipated increases in revenue, an additional fee increase of no more than \$10 per year may be necessary to cover the increase in operating costs after completion of the project in 2001.

The cost of remodeling Blackhawk Commons will be funded by the food service auxiliary and is not expected to impact the cost of services to students due to the more efficient operation, and the availability of cash resources through the retirement of other debt prior to completion of this work in 2001.

Maura Donnelly, Division of Facilities Development Project Manager, explained that this project will blend nicely with existing campus buildings such as Polk Library and Albee Hall in that campus area. She mentioned that the design of this project is an exciting expression of a place which brings people together. She also noted that its design considers both buildability and the economics of how to construct and maintain a building.

UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Kerrigan mentioned that the proximity of this union to the library will create a wonderful academic/recreational/cultural area.

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

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That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Oshkosh Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Design Report be approved and authority be granted to construct the Reeve Memorial Union Addition and Blackhawk Commons Remodeling project at an estimated total project cost of \$18,600,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing, contingent upon passage of the 1999-01 Capital Budget.

I.3.f. UW-Stevens Point: University Center Lower Level Remodeling

Agenda item I.3.g. requested authority to construct a University Center Lower Level Remodeling project, at an estimated total project cost of \$2,200,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing - Facilities Repair and Renovation.

This project will remodel approximately 18,215 GSF of the University Center's Lower Level. Services and functions with greater use by students will be moved closer to the center of the building. The project will upgrade, reassign and increase by approximately 40% the amount of space now available for student organization, student activity and student employment programs. Research indicates all three activities are major contributors to desired educational outcomes.

Construction of a two-story, 4,605 GSF addition on the north side of the building will provide storage space. The new addition will also provide a new at-grade, two-truck loading dock which will replace an existing one-truck, below-grade ramp, with no loading dock area, at the

same location. A significant portion of the work will update the 40-year old HVAC system in the lower level.

To retire debt on this and a future project planned for 2003, the student-directed University Centers Advisory Board endorsed a budget plan which will increase student fees \$4 per year over the next six years (\$24 total). The 2003 project will renovate the western area of the 1972 addition for an estimated cost of \$2 million.

Approval of this project at this time will permit completion of final design and bid documents to meet a January 4, 2000 bid date and a September 1, 2000 completion date.

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

Resolution I.3.f.

That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Stevens Point Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to construct a University Center Lower Level Remodeling project, at an estimated total project cost of \$2,200,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing - Facilities Repair and Renovation.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 11:56 a.m.

Judy Knoll, Recording Secretary