

Minutes
Physical Planning and Funding Committee

Thursday, October 7, 1999

The Physical Planning and Funding Committee meeting was convened by Regent James at 2:45 p.m. in Room 1511 of Van Hise Hall. Present were Regents, Gracz, James and Mohs. Regent Barry joined the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

I.3.a. Approval of Committee Minutes

On the motion of Regent Mohs and second of Regent James the minutes of the September 9, 1999 meeting of the Physical Planning and Funding Committee were approved with a correction.

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

- Building Commission Actions - Assistant Vice President Nancy Ives reported that UW System projects totaling about \$40 M were approved at the August State Building Commission Meeting. She informed the committee that the Building Commission approved \$1M to make modifications and purchase a new antenna at the Community Candelabra Tower, which is shared by WHA-TV and three commercial stations. This expenditure is our part of modifications that need to be made so that commercial stations can convert to digital broadcasting in 2000. She also mentioned that the Commission approved \$9 million of our total \$15 million planned for systemwide classroom improvements. We will be returning to the Commission for the remaining \$6 million out of WisBuild funds, now that the budget has been passed.
- Update on UW-Green Bay Academic Building – Assistant Vice President Ives reminded the Committee that last month she reported on a \$1.6 million overrun on the bids for the \$17 Million new academic facility at UW-Green Bay. She explained that negotiations with the low bidders would be concluded on Friday, October 8th, and a decision will then be made on awarding contracts or rebidding.

I.3.c. Campus Exterior Lighting Report

Greg Wanek, System Administration electrical engineer, presented a report on Campus Exterior Lighting . He explained how the system is balancing the needs to provide a safe environment and minimize light pollution to the neighborhoods and sky.

I.3.d. Technology in Facilities Report

Terri Reda, System capital budget planner, presented a report to the Committee on Technology in Facilities. She stated that, overall, we have improved 300 of our 1800 classrooms and explained that technology is also being incorporated into all other facilities planning and design (student unions,

science buildings, etc.) Ms. Reda mentioned that, within the next two years, telecommunications data wiring will be installed in 101 of the 109 single student residence halls. General access computing opportunities will become an integral part of the new Student Union at Platteville. She noted that the Dairy Research Center that will be constructed at River Falls will incorporate cost-effective and diagnostic technologies necessary to compete in dairy farming. Laboratory computer pods will be developed in Upham Hall at Whitewater to stimulate successful group learning methods. She encouraged the Board of Regents to continue its commitment to providing quality learning and teaching environments.

I.3.e. Madison West Campus Parking Update

Bruce Braun and Lori Kay from UW-Madison presented an update on West Campus Parking. New construction will bring more visitors to campus, but the new buildings are displacing parking. They are evaluating several alternatives that will be costly and take perhaps as many as ten years to implement.

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

I.3.f. UW-La Crosse: Sanford, Reuter and Wentz Halls Telecommunications Cabling

This item requested approval to construct a 1999-2001 Sanford Hall, Reuter Hall and Wentz Hall Telecommunications Cabling project, at an estimated total project cost of \$231,400, using Program Revenue-Cash.

This project continues implementation of the UW-La Crosse plan to provide data wiring in all student resident rooms on campus. It will provide for the replacement of the existing voice and coaxial wiring and installation of data wiring in Sanford, Reuter and Wentz Halls. 350 rooms will be updated, including all student resident rooms, staff offices, recreational areas, studies and one computer lab in each building. Voice jack wiring will be four-pair, Category 3 cable. Data jack wiring will be four-pair enhanced Category 5 cable. The Main Distribution Frame (MDF) in each residence hall will be relocated from mechanical rooms to designated communication rooms that will be constructed in a central basement location. Existing copper and fiber optic cables entering each residence hall will be extended to the new MDF. Cables from the MDF will be run horizontally in ceiling-mounted cable tray and vertically in raceway through core drilled floors from the basement level to upper floor rooms.

This project must be bid early in 2000 to ensure the start of construction immediately following the end of the spring semester. Construction must be completed in Sanford Hall prior to the mid-July 2000 campus arrival of the New Orleans Saints for their summer training camp. Work in Reuter and Wentz Halls must be completed in August 2000 prior to the beginning of the 2000 Fall semester.

Funding for this work will be provided from the overall University Housing budget. The current rate structure will not be effected since it already includes anticipated expenses for this work.

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-La Crosse Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to construct a 1999-2001 Sanford Hall, Reuter Hall and Wentz Hall Telecommunications Cabling project, at an estimated total project cost of \$231,400, using Program Revenue-Cash.

I.3.g. UW-Madison: Primate Research Center Animal Housing Addition Scope/Budget Increase

This item requested approval to 1) increase the scope of work and budget of the Primate Research Center Animal Housing Addition project by \$1,300,000 of Grant Funds and 2) finish the remaining 8,100 GSF of shelled in space as gift/grant funding becomes available.

The Primate Research Center Addition was enumerated in the 1991-93 Capital Budget as part of the WISTAR program, at a project budget of \$7,900,000. The project was authorized for construction in July 1997 by the State Building Commission at an increased budget of \$9.4 million, pending receipt of a \$1.5 million federal National Institute of Health (NIH) grant which was to be used for completion of shelled space included in the alternates.

Bids received in June 1998 were within the \$9.4 million authorized by the Building Commission, however, funding was insufficient to accept the work identified in the alternates. Although the NIH grant was not received, the Graduate School provided \$1.5 million of Institutional Funds to enable advance the project.

In June 1999, the Primate Center provided additional institutional funds for a number of infrastructure items designed to prepare shelled space for future finishing. The remaining shelled space will be finished as the Primate Research Center obtains additional funding.

The original project will construct a 48,900 GSF three-story addition to Building 2 of the Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center. The addition will include animal housing rooms, specialized laboratories, new necropsy and pathology facilities, a surgery suite, a clinical pathology laboratory, cage washing and storage areas, animal care staff locker room, and work areas.

An additional \$1,300,000 of grant funds to be awarded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will be used to finish 1,500 GSF of space. The campus will continue to aggressively pursue additional outside funding.

Authorization of construction authority for the remaining 8,100 GSF of shelled space will enable completion of the remaining areas as additional gift and grant funding is received.

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-Madison Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to 1) increase the scope of work and budget of the Primate Research Center Animal Housing Addition project by \$1,300,000 of Grant Funds, for a revised total project cost of \$10,984,000 (\$5,800,000 Federal Grant Funds, \$3,400,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing - WISTAR, and \$1,784,000 Institutional Federal Funds); and 2) authority to finish the remaining 8,100 GSF of shelled-in space as gift/grant funding becomes available.

I.3.h. UW-Madison: Revision of Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act Implementation

This item requested adoption of revisions to the “*Guidelines for Implementation of the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act Within the University of Wisconsin System*”.

WEPA Implementation Guidelines provide initial guidance to institutions on the appropriate level of evaluation, research and documentation needed prior to undertaking resource-oriented projects. Revisions to the process that UW System uses to comply with WEPA requirements were last made in 1981. It is desirable to update these guidelines to reflect current practices and activities.

The old WEPA guidelines were more restrictive than necessary or practical to comply with the statutes and administrative code requirements. The revised guidelines consider the level of campus development maturity and the multiple opportunities which exist for public participation in campus planning activities. The revisions will require less documentation, more closely match current practices, and define the minimum action necessary to assure public input into the process of maintaining a high level of protection for the precious environmental resources on our campuses.

Upon the motion of Regent Gracz and second of Regent Mohs, the Committee approved Resolution I.3.h.

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That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, revisions to the “*Guidelines for Implementation of the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act Within the University of Wisconsin System*” be adopted.

Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Judy Knoll, Recording Secretary