

Minutes
Physical Planning and Funding Committee
Thursday, April 4, 2002

Regent Gracz convened the joint meeting of the Physical Planning and Funding Committee at 1:55 p.m. in Room 1511 of Van Hise Hall. Present were Regents Barry, DeSimone and Schneiders.

I.3.a. Approval of Committee Minutes

On the motion of Regent Schneiders and the second of Regent DeSimone the minutes of the March 7, 2002 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 the Building Commission approved about \$10M for various projects at their March meeting. Of that amount, about \$4.5M represented various maintenance and repair projects. Ives said that some of the classroom technology improvement projects submitted last month were deferred, so System staff took DFD staff on a tour to better understand the cost of upgrading those classrooms. Those deferred projects will be re-submitted for April approval.

I.3.c. Continuing discussion of issues related to the future of academic libraries

The Committee discussed issues related to the future of academic libraries. System Planning Coordinator Jim Albers mentioned that planning for library facilities has become a greater challenge since the arrival of electronic media. He noted that there is consensus that printed media will not go away anytime soon and noted that most of the libraries in our System are close to capacity. Mr. Albers said that our main challenge is to determine what kinds of facilities we will need in the future and explained that we are moving cautiously, using consultants where appropriate. Regent Barry suggested that the Committee receive an analysis of recommended priorities for future library improvements.

I.3.d. UW-Madison: Memorial Union Elevator Repair

This item requested authority to construct a Memorial Union Elevators Repair/ Replacement project, estimated at a total project cost of \$493,000, using Program Revenue–Cash.

This project will modify three of the four elevators in the Memorial Union. Two of the units are passenger elevators and one is used exclusively for freight. The elevators are in constant use and, other than routine maintenance, have not been refurbished since they were installed in 1928 and 1938.

Modernization will include replacement with AC motor-drive, microprocessor-based equipment and modification of the elevator controls to meet ADA requirements. The finishes of the passenger elevators will be upgraded to reflect the historical character of the building. The hydraulic, two-stop freight elevator serving the basement kitchen and loading dock will be completely removed and replaced.

In 2001, the students approved a segregated fee increase of \$1.20 per student per semester to provide a funding supplement to undertake proposed repairs and improvements for Memorial Union and Union South.

Upon the motion of Regent Barry and the second of Regent Schneiders 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 granted to construct a Memorial Union Elevators Repair/ Replacement project, estimated at a total project cost of \$493,000, using Program Revenue–Cash.

I.3.e. UW-Stevens Point: Acceptance of a Gift of Land and Buildings at Treehaven

This item requested authority (a) to accept a gift of approximately 12 acres of land, three existing buildings and one new 2-unit cabin from the UW-Stevens Point Foundation at the University owned Treehaven Field Station near Tomahawk, Wisconsin, Lincoln County; and (b) for the officers of the Board of Regents to enter into a land use agreement with the UW-Stevens Point Foundation to permit the Foundation to construct three additional 2-unit cabins at an estimated cost of \$180,000 each, gift funds.

Additional short-term lodging space has been a long-standing need at Treehaven Field Station. Although existing meeting and dining spaces accommodate groups up to 150 people, the sleeping quarters have a maximum capacity of 120. An existing cottage has become insufficient to meet faculty and staff needs during the twelve weeks of the required summer College of Natural Resources student field training.

The land to be transferred now includes an existing maintenance building, storage barn, small living quarters, and will include a yet-to-be-constructed 2-unit cabin. The gift of land and buildings will expand and smooth the irregular boundaries of the Treehaven property to include the three existing structures, and provide sufficient land for the construction of four new cabins and future construction and utilities.

The UW-Stevens Point Foundation will design and construct the first 2-unit cabin during the summer of 2002, and three additional cabins over the next several years on the donated land using gift funds. A restricted monetary gift has been made to the UW-Stevens Point Foundation to build the first 2-unit cabin, which will serve as a model to raise funds for the remaining three. The property transfer will occur after the first new cabin has been completed.

The additional cabins will be constructed under the terms of a land use agreement between the UW-Stevens Point Foundation and the Board of Regents. Each cabin will include two bedrooms, bathrooms, and a living space with galley kitchen/dine-in facilities. The estimated cost of each cabin is \$180,000. The cabins will house UW-Stevens Point College of Natural Resource faculty and staff during 12-week student field training programs required for completion of a degree.

When not used by the College of Natural Resources the cabins will house personnel attending other training programs.

Operation and maintenance costs of the facilities will be funded from program revenues. Major improvements or repairs will be split funded by half program revenue and half general purpose revenues. Non-summer use of the cabins for other activities will generate revenue for their maintenance and upkeep.

Upon the motion of Regent Schneiders and the second of Regent Gracz the Committee approved Resolution I.3.e.

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That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Stevens Point Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted (a) to accept a gift of approximately 12 acres of land, three existing buildings and one new 2-unit cabin from the UW-Stevens Point Foundation at the University owned Treehaven Field Station near Tomahawk, Wisconsin, Lincoln County; and (b) for the officers of the Board of Regents to enter into a land use agreement with the UW-Stevens Point Foundation to permit the Foundation to construct three additional 2-unit cabins at an estimated cost of \$180,000 each, gift funds.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.



Judy Knoll, Recording Secretary