

Minutes
Physical Planning and Funding Committee
Thursday, March 7, 2002

Regent Gracz convened the joint meeting of the Physical Planning and Funding Committee at 2:15 p.m. in Room 1511 of Van Hise Hall. Present were Regents Barry, DeSimone and Schneiders.

I.3.b. Approval of Committee Minutes

On the motion of Regent DeSimone and the second of Regent Schneiders the minutes of the February 7, 2002 meeting of the Physical Planning and Funding Committee were approved.

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

Assistant Vice President Nancy Ives reported that the Building Commission approved about \$46M for various projects at their February meeting.

She mentioned that Governor McCallum presented an award to River Architects for *Excellence in Architectural Design* of the UW-La Crosse Wing Technology Center as well as an *Excellence in Engineering Design* award to Arnold & O'Sheridan of Brookfield for the design work on the Chemistry Fume Hood Replacement at UW-Milwaukee. In addition, an *Excellence in Service* award was presented to UW-Oshkosh Vice-Chancellor for Administrative Affairs Tom Sonnleitner for his dedication in assisting the Division of Facilities Development in the coordination of building projects on that campus.

Ives reported that she had received 2003-05 capital budget instructions from the Department of Administrative. She explained that the State intends to keep its debt service payment between 3 ½ and 4 per cent of all general fund revenues. Estimates of the debt service for the bonding **already authorized will be at 3.75** percent of revenues in 2003 and 2004. This leads to an expectation of minimal additional bonding opportunities in the new biennium. Ives remarked that the Department of Administration will provide updates regarding the outlook of the building program as a whole and the availability of GPR bonding authority.

Committee members expressed their continuing concern about the lack of connection between the state's operating and capital budgets, resulting in construction of new facilities without adequate operating funds. Regent Schneiders reminded the committee of the difficulty the University has had trying to get adequate funding for maintenance and repair projects. She noted that it is important to raise the consciousness of our ongoing maintenance costs of all buildings. Schneiders recognized how difficult it is to try and establish a maintenance funding schedule that would overlap biennia but requested that staff take the initiative and develop some alternatives that would ensure the availability of adequate operating funds when needed. Assistant Vice President Ives mentioned that the operating budget will address the need for a significant increase in physical plant funding and that those alternatives would be discussed during budget briefings this Spring.

I.3.d. UW Colleges: Release of Leased Property Rights

This item requested authority for the officers of the Board of Regents to terminate leased property rights to approximately 88 acres of land leased from Taylor County as the site of the UW Center-Medford campus.

The 75-year lease of land provided a site for the UW Center at Medford, Wisconsin. Termination of the lease will permit Taylor County to convey approximately 28 acres of the land to the city of Medford as an extension to its industrial park. The Board of Regents terminated operations of the Medford campus at the close of the 1980-81, but action was not taken to terminate the land lease.

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 Colleges Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted for the officers of the Board of Regents to terminate the leased property rights to land leased from Taylor County for the site of the UW Center-Medford campus.

I.3.e. UW-Green Bay: Gift of Land – Point au Sauble

This item requested authority to accept a gift of three parcels of land totaling 132 acres located at Point au Sauble on the east shore of Green Bay, Town of Scott, Brown County, from the Wisconsin Chapter of the Nature Conservancy. The estimated value of the three parcels is \$175,900 based on appraisals secured by the Nature Conservancy when it purchased the land.

The parcels contain deed restrictions to insure the land is preserved as natural area for scientific, educational and aesthetic purposes. Because of its proximity to the Green Bay campus the Point au Sauble Nature Preserve provides outstanding opportunities for student learning and hands-on research. The Fox River Group, a consortium of seven local paper companies, donated \$120,000 to UW-Green Bay for stewardship of Point au Sauble. This endowment, in addition to staff support from the newly created Cofrin Arboretum Center for Biodiversity, will provide the campus with the ability to manage Point au Sauble in a responsible and educationally significant manner.

Regent DeSimone commented on what a nice gift this is for the University.

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

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That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Green Bay Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to accept a gift of three parcels of land totaling 132 acres located at Point au Sauble on the east shore of Green Bay from the Wisconsin Chapter of the Nature Conservancy.

I.3.f. UW-La Crosse: Cartwright Center Chiller Connection

This item requested approval to construct a Cartwright Student Center Chilled Water Utility Connection project at an estimated total project cost of \$236,200, using Program Revenue (Cash).

This project will connect the Cartwright Student Center cooling system to the campus chilled water utility distribution system. The cooling system is currently served by a 448-ton, CFC-containing chiller that is near the end of a normal 30-year service life. The chiller has undergone three major overhauls, with the latest completed in the spring of 2000. The wear and deficiencies observed at that time indicate that the chiller will not continue to operate much longer without another major rebuild at considerable expense.

The project will extend the campus chilled water utility distribution system approximately 640 lineal feet, beginning at the southeast corner of the Wing Technology Center to the Cartwright Student Center. Chilled water laterals will be extended into the building basement and be connected to the chilled water piping at the existing chiller. Construction of this project is anticipated to begin during fall 2002, with system start-up targeted for spring 2003.

Upon the motion of Regent Barry and the second of Regent Schneiders 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 Cartwright Student Center Chilled Water Utility Connection project at an estimated total project cost of \$236,200, using Program Revenue (Cash).

I.3.g. UW-Superior: Aquaculture Demonstration Facility (Design Report)

This item requested approval of the Design Report and authority to construct the Aquaculture Demonstration Facility at an estimated project cost of \$3,000,000 Program Revenue Bonding, Native American Gaming Funds, under the terms of a long-term, 40-acre land use agreement between the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. The state 2001-03 biennial operating budget includes \$600,000 operating funds for the aquaculture facility supported by Native American Gaming Funds, beginning July 1, 2002.

The land use agreement will be finalized before construction begins. Site work will have a May bid date to complete foundation construction by fall 2002.

This project will prepare the 40-acre site and construct three facilities (a lab building, an administration building, and a storage building) at the northernmost tip of Bayfield County on land owned by the Red Cliff Band. Exterior development will include rearing ponds, raceways, a wastewater settling pond, experimental wetlands, three wells, roads and parking to support the facilities.

The 1999-2001 Wisconsin biennial budget contained a \$3,000,000 budget item for the construction of an aquaculture facility with a mission to promote and advance the development of commercial aquaculture in a northern climate. The Demonstration Facility will be operated by the Board of Regents in consultation with representatives of the aquaculture industry. President Lyall designated UW-Superior

to administer the development of this project in consultation with the other UW institutions, representatives of the aquaculture industry, and representatives of other state and federal entities.

Regent Barry expressed hesitations about potential funding problems of this project and made a motion to revise the original resolution to include the following: "It is the intent of the Board that operation of the facility not be funded from the UW System's base budget." The motion to revise was seconded by Regent Schneiders. Chancellor Erhenbach expressed his belief that there are enough funds get the project established and added that if there is a need for additional funding for future expansion the source of those funds can be determined at that time.

Upon the motion of Regent DeSimone and the second of Regent Schneiders the Committee approved revised Resolution I.3.g.

Revised Resolution I.3.g.

That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Superior Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Design Report be approved and authority be granted to construct the Aquaculture Demonstration Facility at an estimated project cost of \$3,000,000 Program Revenue Bonding, Native American Gaming Funds, under the terms of a long-term, 40-acre land use agreement between the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. It is the intent of the Board that operation of the facility not be funded from the UW System's base budget.

Closed Session

The Committee adjourned to closed session at 2:50 p.m. to consider personal histories, as permitted by s.198.85(1)(f), *Wis. Stats.*, related to the naming of facilities at UW-Madison and arose from the session with no report.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.



Judy Knoll, Recording Secretary