

**Minutes**  
**Capital Planning and Budget Committee**  
**Thursday, August 21, 2014**

The meeting of the Capital Planning and Budget Committee was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Committee Chair Regent Edmund Manydeeds, Sodexo Grand Ballroom C of the Alumni Welcome and Conference Center on the UW-Oshkosh campus. Regents José Delgado, Janice Mueller, Anicka Purath, José Vasquez, David Walsh, and Gerald Whitburn were in attendance. Regent Tony Evers was absent.

**I.3.a. Approval of the Minutes of the June 5, 2014 Meeting of the Capital Planning and Budget Committee**

After receipt of a motion and second, the minutes of the June 5, 2014, meeting of the Capital Planning and Budget Committee were approved as presented.

**I.3.b. UW-Oshkosh Presentation: Comprehensive Campus Development**

The committee heard a presentation Vice Chancellor Tom Sonnleitner about comprehensive campus development on the UW-Oshkosh campus by explaining the timeline of building projects that have taken place as a result of the campus master plan that set the vision for the transformation of the campus nearly fifteen years ago. The presentation reviewed the university's notable building projects throughout the timeline year 2000 through 2014, and then described future projects that are anticipated for 2015. Mr. Sonnleitner mentioned that the campus looks forward to beginning a new master plan to develop a future vision for the campus and asked Associate Vice President Alex Roe to describe how that process would occur. Ms. Roe stated that UW System would support the university in that endeavor by working with them to accumulate all the necessary background data, such as space studies and building condition assessments, that is required for a master plan. Then, after the new chancellor arrives, the university will be prepared to start a full master plan.

Regent Whitburn asked about the role of the UW-Oshkosh Foundation and its investment in the university's capital projects since 2000. Mr. Sonnleitner answered by saying that the foundation has invested between \$20 and \$25M, either as direct funds or as the holder of the property.

**I.3.c UW-La Crosse: Approval of the Design Report and Authority to Construct the Parking Ramp-Phase II Project**

This item requested approval to construct the Parking Ramp-Phase II project, which will add two additional levels with 382 stalls to the existing ramp, which was built in 2013. The additional parking gained from this project will replace surface parking space lost to the construction of a satellite chiller plant and a future new residence hall project.

Associate Vice President Alex Roe began describing the project by saying that when bids were received for the original project in 2013, they were less than the anticipated amount by about \$2.5M. The original project assumed that additional levels would eventually be added to the garage. She continued by saying that since 2008 the number of students at UW-La Crosse has increased by more than one thousand students and 200 faculty and staff, so there is pressure to

provide additional parking. The campus has collected funds for the project through parking program to support this project.

Regent Manydeeds asked Regent Purath , who is also a UW-La Crosse student, about her observations regarding parking at the university. She said that the city monitors parking in the campus area and that additional campus parking would be supported by both students and the city.

Upon the motion of Regent Whitburn, and the second of Regent Delgado, 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 of the Parking Ramp Addition project be approved and authority be granted to construct the project for an estimated total cost of \$7,619,000 Program Revenue-Cash.

**I.3.d. UW-Platteville: Approval of the Design Report and Authority to Increase the Budget and Construct the Residence Hall Renovation-Phase I Project**

This item requested authority to increase the budget and construct the Residence Hall Renovation-Phase I project to upgrade Dobson and Melcher residence halls, both of which were built in the 1960s. The two buildings will receive improvements to electrical, plumbing, resident room lighting, telecommunications, and interior finishes throughout. Fire sprinklering systems and accessibility upgrades will also be included.

The budget increase is caused by cost escalation due to a year's delay in the start of construction and changes for Dobson hall that include the addition of an elevator to create a fully accessible residence hall in the central portion of campus, and reconfiguration of the basement to support a 'living and learning' experience.

Ms. Roe stated the resolution was revised to correct a math error. She then presented the request by saying that Dobson and Melcher halls were built in the 1960s and need to have improvements in rooms and their mechanical systems upgraded. She explained that one of the projects was released for bid in 2013, but no electrical bid was received. She continued by saying that the project was then rebid, but it came in over-budget. It was then decided to combine the two buildings together to create a more attractive package for the construction community. Ms. Roe said that the plan now is to release the two projects in the fall and construct one during the first summer, and the other during the second summer.

Regent Mueller asked if the progress of two residence hall were being held up in the backlog of projects at the Division of Facilities Development (DFD) and Ms. Roe answered that they were not. Ms. Roe added that these days DFD is taking their cash measure approach very carefully and that two other halls are part of a group that DFD is considering carefully. Senior Vice President for Administration David Miller added that there is no difference in general purpose revenue and program revenue bond issues (i.e. that they are all general obligation bonds). He said that the only a difference about them is the way the debt is repaid.

Other committee discussion topics included the likelihood of a future role for foundations in the construction of residence halls and the slower pace of the building project process.

Upon the motion of Regent Whitburn, and the second of Regent Delgado, the Committee approved Resolution I.3.d.

Revised Resolution I.3.d.

That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Platteville Chancellor and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Design Report of the Residence Hall Renovations-Phase I project be approved and authority be granted to increase the project budget by \$3,374,100 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing and construct the project for an estimated total cost of \$17,389,100 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing.

**I.3.e. UW System: Authority to Construct Various Maintenance and Repair Projects**

This item requested authority to construct maintenance and repair projects at UW-Stevens Point and two UW Colleges campuses with an estimated total cost of \$3.2M.

Ms. Roe began by giving a brief description of each requested project and explained why each project was important to move forward at this time.

Upon the motion of Regent Delgado, and the second of Regent Whitburn, the Committee approved Resolution I.3.e.

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That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, authority be granted to construct various maintenance and repair projects at an estimated total cost of \$3,185,000 (\$2,278,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing; \$100,000 Program Revenue Cash; and \$807,000 County Cash).

**I.3.f. UW-River Falls Presentation: Promoting Student and Community Engagement with Improved Farm Facilities**

Dale Gallenberg, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences explained the role of the two UW-River Falls laboratory farms (Campus Lab Farm and Mann Valley Farm) in education. He explained that although they are working farms, they are first and foremost teaching facilities and structured for students' educational experiences. Mr. Gallenberg then spoke briefly about the 15 month laboratory farm master plan process that included a broad range of stakeholders – representatives from the state, the system planning office and the campus – who provided a wide range of expertise. He explained improvements such as roadway, parking, and signage that would make it more user-friendly and future facility replacement plans for livestock housing. Those plans have an estimated total cost of approximately \$72M and would occur over the course of a ten year time frame.

Regent Mueller asked about the status of student enrollment in the agriculture courses, to which Mr. Gallenberg replied that the enrollment is staying very strong and largest program is animal

science and the second is dairy science. He emphasized that the program is a facilities-based program and that it is very important to keep pace with current, relevant, working facilities.

**I.3.g. Report of the Associate Vice President**

1. UW-Platteville Storm Damage

Associate Vice President Alex Roe updated the committee about the status of the UW-Platteville buildings that were recently damaged by two tornadoes last June 16<sup>th</sup> by stating that those facilities are now undergoing extensive repair and are expected to be ready for the start of the academic year. She continued by saying that the university operations recovery team has spent approximately 12,000 hours of labor in the clean-up and restoration process. She also mentioned that the campus will present a more in-depth report at Friday's meeting of the full Board.

2. State-wide Heating Plants

Ms. Roe informed the committee about the potential sale of state-owned heating plants by saying that the Department of Administration has retained independent consultants to assess all state-owned heating and cooling plants properties and a consultant has been in contact with all our institutions and they are working closely with our physical plant staff to document our facilities. Ms. Roe reported that, at the last Building Commission meeting in August, the Governor announced that no defined plans have been put into place and that he has committed to doing a full assessment and evaluation of the properties. She continued by saying that there appears to be no set timeline for a potential sale.

The committee briefly considered the implications to the universities that could result, if the heating and cooling plants were to be sold.

3. State Building Commission Actions

Associate Vice President Alex Roe reported that the building commission considered and approved the following items at its June and August meetings:

In June, the commission approved: the UW-La Crosse West Campus Chilled Water Plant project; the purchase of a .16 acre parcel of land at UW-Stevens Point; UW System Classroom Renovations and Instructional Technology Improvements Program projects; and six All Agency Maintenance and Repair projects. However, the 1.11-acre parcel of land acquisition for Stevens Point was deferred to allow more time for commission members to study that request.

In August, the commission approved: the UW-La Crosse Parking Ramp Addition project and three All Agency Maintenance and Repair projects at two campuses.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.