TRUSTEES PRESENT: Richard Carbray, Charles Bunnell (via telephone), Michael Daniels, Andrea Dennis-Lavigne, Marilda Gandara, Rebecca Lobo (via telephone), and Thomas Ritter

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS PRESENT: Francis Archambault (via telephone)


SENATE REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT: William Stwalley

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Barrasso, Pamela Delphenich (via telephone), Charles Urso (via telephone), and Richard Schoenhardt (via telephone)

GUEST PRESENT: Raymond LaBrec, Jacobs

Prior to the commencement of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee meeting, (beginning at approximately 10:30 a.m.), in an effort to eliminate repetition, presentations of construction projects for the Storrs based programs and the Health Center were made to members of both the Construction Management Oversight Committee and the Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee.

Mr. Trutter provided a PowerPoint presentation with updates on the construction activities underway at the Health Center. The Health Center construction projects have employed over 1,760 total workers on site through December (excluding JAX lab project) working over 476,000 hours. 77% of all contracts have been awarded to Connecticut companies with projected contract awards to Minority/Women/Disadvantage Business at 19%, exceeding the 6.25% State statutory requirement 12.75% with Veteran hiring at 4% on Hospital Tower. Jobs Funnel Program is still engaged on the project. Mr. Trutter informed the committee that at the end of the meeting he would take those available on a brief bus tour of the construction transformation of the Health Center campus.
Raymond LaBrec of Jacobs, provided an overview of the Bio Science Connecticut construction safety program underway as part of the Owner Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP).

Laura Cruickshank, University Master Planner and Chief Architect, provided a PowerPoint presentation as part of her update of the Storrs based construction and renovation projects in the planning, design and construction phases. This included updates on the University Master Plan; the new Downtown Hartford Campus; student housing at the Stamford campus; renovation of Monteith Hall and the construction of a new STEM residence hall on the Storrs campus. The committee discussed the effect of having a campus in downtown Hartford including traffic and parking impacts.

At approximately 11:20 a.m. Chairman Ritter convened the meeting of the Board of Trustees Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee.

On a motion by Trustee Gandara, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne a revised agenda was approved as presented.

Mr. Ritter directed the committee to agenda Item #2, Approval of the Minutes of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Meetings of November 6, 2013. Trustee Gandara noted that the November minutes referenced the President’s new residence as being located in West Hartford but should be corrected to reflect that the house is in Hartford. On a motion by Trustee Gandara and seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne the minutes were approved as amended.

Thomas Callahan, Associate Vice President for Infrastructure Planning and Strategic Project Management, provided an update on agenda Item #3. Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) – Main Accumulation Area Facility. On a motion by Trustee Ritter and seconded by Trustee Gandara the item was recommended to the full Board for approval.

Ms. Cruickshank introduced agenda Item #4. Request to Authorize Design-Build Project Delivery Method. She explained that the item was a request to utilize a design-build project delivery method for two new residence halls: the STEM Residence Hall and the Honors Residence Hall. Richard Orr, General Counsel, clarified that the request was specifically to utilize the design-build process for these two projects only. The committee confirmed their understanding. On a motion by Trustee Ritter and seconded by Trustee Gandara the item was recommended to the full Board for approval.

On a motion by Trustee Daniels and seconded by Trustee Lobo the committee voted to go into Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. to discuss preliminary drafts and notes; and commercial or financial information given in confidence that the University has determined that the public interest in withholding such documents clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Trustees present included: Richard Carbray, Charles Bunnell (via telephone), Michael Daniels, Andrea Dennis-Lavigne, Marilda Gandara, Rebecca Lobo (via telephone), and Thomas Ritter.

Board of Directors members presenting included: Francis Archambault (via telephone)
University Senate Representative present: William Stwalley

University staff present included: Rachel Rubin, Richard Orr, Richard Gray, Thomas Callahan, Michael Kirk, Laura Cruickshank, Robert Sitkowski, Robert Corbett and Debbie Carone

At 12:08 p.m. the Executive Session ended and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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