Committee Chairman Thomas Ritter convened the meeting of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment (BGE) Committee at 10:31 a.m. in the Human Resources Training Room at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

On a motion by Chairman Carbray, seconded by Trustee Bunnell, agenda Item #1, Minutes of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee meetings of February 20, 2015 and March 5, 2015 were approved, as circulated.

Richard Orr, General Counsel, updated the committee on the progress of agenda Item #2, Acquisition of the Nathan Hale Inn. Chairman Ritter recommended that agenda Item #3, Update on Hartford Property Acquisition be tabled to another time.

Beverly Wood, Director of University Planning, provided a PowerPoint presentation on agenda Item #4, Update on Bergin Prison.

Agenda Items#5, UConn/Connecticut Water Company Water Inter Connection Permit Update and agenda Item #6 UConn/Mansfield Negotiations Re: Sewer Services Agreement were presented to the committee by Thomas Callahan, Associate Vice President for Infrastructure Planning & Strategic Project Management.
Thomas Trutter, UConn Health, Associate Vice President for Campus Planning, Design and Construction, provided a brief overview and update in the form of a PowerPoint presentation on the BioScience Connecticut projects. He stated that over 3,400 total workers through January 2015 have come through the site with over 1.4 million hours worked. Approximately 82% of all contracts awarded have been to Connecticut companies and projected awards to minority/women/disadvantaged businesses are at 22.58% exceeding the required 6.25% by 16.25%. He noted that veteran hiring is at 3% on the Hospital Tower project. He presented several photos emphasizing the dramatic transformation of the Health Center. The OCIP program continues to trend below Connecticut averages for lost time rates. Mr. Trutter provided updates on the OCIP program including construction safety risk improvements and provided updates on the Health Center construction program. Mr. Trutter stated that a spending deferral of privately raised funds within the BioScience CT project across all projects of $58M was needed and of that, $34 M is the being deferred related to renovations to the existing Hospital space. He detailed programmatic priorities and project management decision making including involvement of senior administrative leadership and the Health Center Board of Directors. Mr. Orr confirmed that there was no time limit on spending of these funds. The statute requires raising of private dollars but does not specify a time limit consequence.

Mr. Ritter asked that Mr. Larson address some recent inquiries about RFPs for Gant and Law School projects. Mr. Larson updated the committee and distributed a document entitled, “Professional Services Requirement Review” for committee review and information. (copy attached to the file copy of the minutes).

Laura Cruickshank, University Master Planner and Chief Architect, provided a brief update in the form of a PowerPoint presentation of the Storrs based construction and renovation projects that are part of the Next Generation Connecticut program. Mr. Jordan informed the committee that Ms. Cruickshank had recently received the honor of being elected to The College of Fellows of The American Institute of Architects. The committee commended Ms. Cruickshank on the receipt of this honor.

Beverly Wood, Director of University Planning, presented a PowerPoint presentation on options being considered for the use of the Bergin Prison located on the Depot Campus. Ms. Cruickshank offered a brief update on the Rec Center, stating that the location and funding of the facility is still under discussion.

Mr. Ritter informed the committee that he and Trustee Carbray had recently met with Barbara O’Connor, Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police, regarding security for the new Hartford campus. There being no additional agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m. on a motion by Chairman Ritter and seconded by Trustee Carbray.

Respectfully submitted,

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