MINUTES
MEETING OF THE
BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
University of Connecticut
Lewis B. Rome Commons Ballroom
Storrs, CT
April 13, 2017

TRUSTEES: Charles Bunnell, Richard Carbray, Andrea Dennis-Lavigne, Marilda Gandara (via Telephone), Adam Kuegler, Donny Marshall (via Telephone), and Thomas Ritter

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Francis Archambault

UNIVERSITY SENATE MEMBER PRESENT: Elizabeth Jockusch

STAFF PRESENT: Carolle Andrews, Dwight Atherton, Debbie Carone, Cheryl Chiaputti, Laura Cruickshank, David Galloway, Brian Gore, Michael Jednak, Scott Jordan, Matthew Larson, Lynn Lesniak, Stephanie Reitz, Rachel Rubin (via Telephone), Thomas Trutter, Robert Sitkowski, William Wendt and Reka Wrynn

GUEST: Ginger Chicos, Gilbane

Committee Chairman Thomas Ritter convened the meeting of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment (BGE) Committee at 10:30 a.m. in the Lewis B. Rome Commons Ballroom on the University of Connecticut campus in Storrs, Connecticut.

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne and seconded by Trustee Carbray agenda Item #1, Minutes of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee meetings of November 29, 2016 and February 10, 2017 were approved.

Robert Sitkowski, University Attorney, outlined agenda Item #2, Water Main Easement to MDC – 195 Farmington Avenue and 209 Farmington Avenue, UConn Health Campus, Farmington. On a motion by Trustee Kuegler and seconded by Trustee Bunnell the item was recommended to the full Board for approval.

Laura Cruickshank, Associate Vice President for University Planning, Design and Construction, provided an update on the status of the Stamford campus parking garage at the request of Trustee Kuegler.

Chairman Ritter informed the committee that due to Mr. Patel’s convalescence the Quarterly Report on Construction Performance Reported by the Office of Construction Assurance would not be presented. He also indicated that Mr. Patel will be leaving the University and a search for his replacement will begin soon, affirming the University’s commitment to following the statutory requirement for the Construction Assurance position.
Matthew Larson, Director of Procurement Services, updated the committee on agenda Item #5, Operational and Organizational Activities, and Improvements for Capital Project and Contract Administration (CPCA). In addition, Mr. Larson provided a briefing on the planned procurement of SciQuest software.

Brian Gore, Director of Project and Program Management, informed the committee of the status of Code Correction Projects as contained in agenda Item #6, Construction Management Oversight Committee Quarterly Code Correction Status Report – Code Exception Report and the Quarterly Construction Status Report, for the Period Ending December 31, 2016.

Thomas Trutter, UConn Health, Associate Vice President for Campus Planning, Design and Construction, provided a PowerPoint presentation on BioScience Connecticut and UCH Capital Project Updates.

Ms. Cruickshank provided a PowerPoint presentation on construction project updates for Storrs based programs. Chairman Ritter recommended a tour for Trustees of the new downtown Hartford campus. Mr. Archambault requested additional information on the Innovative Partnership Building including planned tenants. Chairman Ritter requested a list of stadia project priorities, as the committee should be involved in decision-making. This should not effect the timing of the projects as the infrastructure still needs to be completed to start the projects. He stated that the committee may have policy decisions they would like to make so it will be helpful to their understanding of what decisions are being pondered so that they can determine their level of involvement in the decisions. The committee discussed a need for stronger communication between the needs of Athletics and coaches and the Foundation for funding.

Ms. Cruickshank provided a 3D presentation “Building Excellence: Campus Construction Logistics” detailing the campus wide logistics program for summer, fall, and winter.

There being no additional agenda items the meeting was adjourned 12:06 p.m. on a motion by Chairman Ritter and seconded by Trustee Carbray.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Carone
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Secretary to the Committee