

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE  
BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

University of Connecticut School of Social Work  
Zachs Community Room  
West Hartford, Connecticut  
April 10, 2014

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS PRESENT: Francis Archambault

STAFF PRESENT: Carolle Andrews, Thomas Callahan, Debbie Carone, Cheryl Chiaputti, Darren Cooke, Robert Corbett, Laura Cruickshank, Elaine Dumas, Brian Gore, Richard Gray, Michael Jednak, Michael Kirk, Matthew Larson, John Mancini, Diane Marquis, Michael Menard, Richard Miller, Richard Orr, Bhupen Patel, Rachel Rubin, Robert Sitkowski, Lysa Teal and Thomas Trutter

SENATE REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT: William Stwalley

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:  
John Barrasso, Charles Urso, and Richard Schoenhardt

Prior to the commencement of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee meeting, (beginning at approximately 10:22 a.m.), in an effort to eliminate repetition, presentations of construction projects for the Storrs based programs and UConn Health were made to members of both the Construction Management Oversight Committee and the Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee.

Thomas Trutter, UConn Health, Associate Vice President for Campus Planning, Design and Construction, provided an update on the BioScience Connecticut construction project at the UConn Health. The construction workforce continues to grow as the hospital tower, the outpatient pavilion and the lab building projects progress. Through the end of February the program had over 1,950 workers on site. Connecticut companies accounting for over 80% of the contracts. Small business participation is at approximately 30% which exceeds the 25% statutory requirement. Minority, women and disadvantaged business participation also track well at approximately 21%. Mr. Trutter has contacted the Jobs Funnel Program which reports that union placements from January 2012 through March 2014 had 176 total members served.

A difficult winter caused some delays in the hospital tower and outpatient pavilion construction projects, but are expected to be back on track by the end of May. Newly renovated lab space was recently occupied by research staff. This is the first of the programmatic space to be turned over. The next phase of the project will move people into swing space allowing for construction of formerly occupied areas. The roadway improvement project will begin at the end

of April. Planning work for projects on the academic building, the clinic building, and project two of the incubator lab at the Cell and Genome Sciences building continues on schedule.

Mr. Trutter stated that the OCIP program continues to run the proforma and track costs associated with the program relative to projected are running below estimates for claims filed.

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. The new STEM residence hall on the Storrs campus is in active design as a design-build project. Projects in construction include the Basketball Development Center with an estimated completion date of June 2014; miscellaneous code corrections; lab renovations in the White Building; core campus deferred maintenance; utility projects as well as walkway repair and replacements. Projects in design include the Engineering and Sciences building; the Innovation Partnership building; and the Monteith renovation. Projects in planning include a scene shop and production facility for the School of Fine Arts; the Downtown Hartford campus; and a renovation at the Putnam Refectory.

Robert Corbett, Director of Regional Projects and Development, provided a PowerPoint update on the STEM Residence Hall project. The presentation highlighted the scope, schedule, permitting and budget for the project as well as showing proposed designs for the facility. There is an aggressive 24 month timetable for the project. Construction is anticipated to start in the fall of 2014.

Committee Chairman Ritter inquired as to the status of the Recreation Center project. Ms. Cruickshank stated that the project is linked to the Master Plan which is in process. The Recreation Center project is linked to how the X Lot area will be laid out as part of the long term Master Plan. Initial ideas are expected during summer 2015 after which it is anticipated the University will be able to engage an architect for preliminary plans and financials for the project.

At approximately 11:00 a.m. Mr. Ritter convened the meeting of the Board of Trustees Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee.

On a motion by Trustee Ritter, seconded by Trustee Gandara the approval items were moved to a consent agenda and approved and recommended to the full Board for approval. The approval items included agenda ***Item #5, Approval of the Minutes of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Meetings of February 20, 2014; Item #6, Inter-Agency Transfer of Control to the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT); and Item #7, Inter-Agency Transfer and Traffic Control Easement for the UCHC Roadway and Intersection Improvements Project.***

Thomas Callahan, Associate Vice President for Infrastructure Planning and Strategic Project Management, introduced agenda ***Item #3, NextGen Permitting.*** He provided information on issues related to the environmental review process for Next Generation Connecticut projects to be presented to the committee in the coming months. Permitting for water is upcoming and some local challenge is anticipated which may require adjudicatory hearings. He informed the committee that there is the potential for community concerns to be addressed to Trustees during the environmental review process.

Mr. Callahan introduced agenda *Item #4, Anticipated Request for Waiver of LEEDS and High Performance Building Requirements for Arjona (retroactive) and Monteith Renovations*. Some discussion has occurred as to whether the Monteith renovation project would meet the University's policy regarding LEED certification. During the discussion it was determined that the Arjona renovation did not seek LEED certification and did not go through the Board of Trustees waiver of LEED certification process. This was recently brought to Trustee Ritter's attention. The University did meet the criteria for State standards regarding LEED certification on the Arjona renovation. Mr. Callahan indicated that the miss for bringing the Arjona waiver to the Board occurred when he was overseeing the departments responsible. UConn's waiver vs. the State's waiver process is being reviewed and will come to the Committee at a later date. Mr. Ritter inquired to the additional cost for the renovation if the University had gone through the LEED process and if a waiver was necessary.

On a motion by Mr. Archambault and seconded by Trustee Carbray the committee voted to go into Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss commercial or financial information given in confidence and preliminary drafts and notes that the University has determined that the public interest in withholding such documents clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Trustees present: Richard Carbray, Charles Bunnell, Marilda Gandara and Thomas Ritter.

Board of Directors member present: Francis Archambault

Senate Representative present: William Stwalley

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

At 11:24 a.m. the Executive Session ended and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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