

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

University of Connecticut
Rome Commons Ballroom
Storrs, Connecticut
June 2, 2014

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS PRESENT: Francis Archambault

STAFF PRESENT: Carolle Andrews, John Biancamano, Thomas Callahan, Debbie Carone, Robert Corbett, Laura Cruickshank, Michael Gilbert, Michael Jednak, Matthew Larson, Richard Miller, Richard Orr, Bhupen Patel, Rachel Rubin, Robert Sitkowski, Jack Sullivan, Lysa Teal, Thomas Trutter, Beverly Wood, and Reka Wrynn

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
John Barrasso and Charles Urso (*via telephone*)

GUEST: Andrew Lescoe, Jacobs

Prior to the commencement of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee meeting, (beginning at approximately 10:32 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 a PowerPoint presentation update on the BioScience Connecticut construction projects in planning, design and final stages. He stated that over 2,100 total workers have been on site as of the end of March; working over 658,000 hours; averaging approximately 400 workers per day on site. Of note, 80% of all contracts have been awarded to Connecticut companies with 22% of the contracts being awarded to minority, women, disadvantaged businesses; exceeding the 6.25% requirement by 15.75%. Veteran hiring on the Hospital tower is at 4%. The Jobs Funnel Program has been engaged. Mr. Trutter also provided a detailed overview of risk management issues addressed through the construction program.

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 Basketball Development Center is currently in construction with an anticipated temporary certificate of occupancy in June. Ms. Cruickshank provided information on several projects in design including the Engineering and Science Building, Innovation Partnership

Building, Monteith Renovation, Fine Arts Production Facility, Downtown Hartford Campus, Putnam Refectory Renovation, STEM Residence Hall and a number of campus utility projects, water line repairs and infrastructure projects.

Chairman Ritter inquired about the timing of the Recreation Center. Ms. Cruickshank stated that the timing is dependent on the Master Plan; and location of that and other athletic facilities would be determined by year end when planning can resume. Funding plans for various athletic projects was discussed.

Mr. Ritter requested an Athletics update at the next meeting including how much money each sport has raised for their project; expected timing of construction; and their funding expectations. Ms. Cruickshank added that the Athletic Director has requested enough of a package to be able to go out and sell the projects for soccer, baseball, softball and hockey to raise more money. Ms. Rubin indicated that she would invite Athletics to the next committee meeting.

Ms. Cruickshank introduced Beverly Wood, Director of University Planning, who provided a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation of the University Master Plan. The firm, Skidmore, Owens and Merrill, has been retained to develop the Plan which is driven by the Academic Plan.

At approximately 11:40 a.m. Chairman Ritter convened the meeting of the Board of Trustees Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Archambault, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne agenda *Item #4, Minutes of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Meetings of April 10, 2014* were approved, as circulated.

John Biancamano, Interim Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer, introduced two exigent contracts requiring committee review and approval. Laura Cruickshank informed the committee that in the North Eagleville Road project, steam lines under Rte. 195 had ruptured and were patched temporarily and cannot supply heat across the road. Lead time to place the order for the pipe for the project mandates that the project be exigent in order to complete the project in time for heating season. The balance of the North Eagleville Road project will be designed and bid as originally intended.

The second exigent project request was for the South Campus envelope and gable repairs. When the project was last presented as exigent it did not include a request to be exigent in phase two. The consultants have recommended that certain repairs be in place prior to the start of hurricane season in late June.

On a motion by Mr. Archambault and seconded by Trustee Ritter the two exigent projects were added to the agenda for approval. On a motion by Mr. Archambault and seconded by Trustee Ritter the two exigent contracts for the North Eagleville Road project and the South Campus envelope and gable repairs were recommended to the full Board for approval.

Thomas Callahan, Associate Vice President for Infrastructure Planning and Strategic Project Management, briefed the committee on the status of the LEED certification miss on the

Arjona building. The taskforce worked to ensure that the policies and procedures were addressed. In addition, options were considered to address the issue. Rather than spending a large amount of funds on Arjona to rectify the miss; alternative campus energy savings were sought. The option that presents the best opportunity for value to the University is to be determined. There is the potential to take one or more buildings through the LEED certification process not related to renovation or construction but related to building operations and maintenance. This is requires getting the appropriate people in discussions but has not yet occurred. Mr. Ritter requested that the discussion take place by June 13 and if not complete by that date the Committee would resolve the problem. Mr. Callahan committed to the June 13 date.

On a motion by Trustee Ritter and seconded by Mr. Archambault the committee voted to go into Executive Session at 11:49 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 (*via telephone*), Charles Bunnell (*via telephone*), Michael Daniels, Andrea Dennis-Lavigne (*via telephone*), Marilda Gandara (*via telephone*), Rebecca Lobo (*via telephone*) and Thomas Ritter

Board of Directors Members Present: Francis Archambault

University Staff Present: Rachel Rubin, Richard Orr, John Biancamano, Thomas Callahan, Laura Cruickshank, Robert Sitkowski, Michael Gilbert and Debbie Carone

At 12:00 p.m. the Executive Session ended and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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