



COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES AND CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

Pre-Meeting Minutes

Telephone Conference Call

May 4, 2020

Conference Call

Time Convened: 10:00 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 10:47 a.m.

Committee and Board members present:

Morteza (Mori) Hosseini (Board Chair), Thomas G. Kuntz (Board Vice Chair), David L. Brandon, Leonard H. Johnson, Rahul Patel, Ray G. Thomas, Marsha Powers, Daniel O’Keefe

Others present were:

Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs, Charlie Lane, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Amy Hass, Vice President and General Counsel; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary; Susan Goffman, Executive Director, Development, Lindsey Farah, Development, Craig Hill, Associate Vice President, Business Affairs, Mark Helms, Assistant Vice President, Facilities Services, Eddie Daniels, Assistant Director of Business Services, Carlos Dognac, Assistant Vice President for Planning, Design and Construction; Eugene Herring, Director Planning, Design and Construction, Joseph Souza, Director of Business Affairs Physical Security, Frank Phillips, Director of Business Affairs Technical Services members of the University of Florida Community, and other members of the public and the media.

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

Committee Chair Hosseini welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Board Staff conducted a roll call of all Committee and Board members present.

3.0 Review Agenda for June 2020 BOT Meeting

Committee Chair Hosseini thanked the staff for their hard work and noted the agenda items were for discussion only and no actions would be taken. Chair Hosseini asked Curtis Reynolds, Vice President Business Affairs to open the discussions.

3.1 Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

Vice President Reynolds discussed the Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 as follows:

The Florida Board of Governors requires an annual submission from each university of its Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request. This update is used by the Florida Board of Governors to develop the annual Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request for the System.

Vice President Reynolds noted three proposed projects to present:

Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience; \$28.5M

Florida Natural History Museum Earth Systems Addition; \$33.8M

New Music Building; \$60M

Committee Chair Hosseini discussed ways of handling the requests: Board members concurred due to the current economic conditions and to be sensitive during these times, the University should delay capital construction Legislative Budget Request for one year. The Board asked staff to explore the results of the delays as related to potential donor impacts.

Trustee Daniel O’Keefe requested that Vice President Curtis Reynolds provide a review of project ranking/categorize the list for further understanding. Committee Chair Hosseini discussed the projects that may have donor support and requested that Vice President Reynolds discuss impacts with Vice President Tom Mitchell to confirm the donation.

3.2 Facilities Spending Plan for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

Vice President Reynolds discussed the Facilities Spending Plan for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 as follows:

During the 2020 Florida Legislative session, the University of Florida received legislative appropriations as follows:

- (PECO) Data Science and Information Technology Building \$ 35,000,000
- (PECO) PK Yonge Secondary School Facility Phase II \$ 8,300,000
- (CITF) SWRC Weight Room Expansion \$ 2,980,000
- (CITF) Synthetic Turf Field \$ 1,300,000
- (CITF) JWRU Branding Enhancements \$ 600,000
- (CITF) SWRC Dedicated Cycling Studio \$ 480,000
- (CITF) JWRU Grand Ballroom AV Equip \$ 400,000
- (CITF) JWRU Grand Ballroom Desk Renovation \$ 350,000
- (CITF) Greek Plots \$ 350,000

- (CITF) J. W. Reitz Union South Terrace Enhancement \$ 320,000
- (CITF) Dean of Students Office Peabody Hall Renovation \$ 372,763
- (CITF) Boardwalk at Liberty Pond \$ 250,000
- (CITF) Waterfront Checkout at Lake Wauburg - North \$ 135,000
- (CITF) Career Connections Center AV Upgrades \$ 115,000
- (CITF) JWRU AV Upgrades \$ 90,000
- (CITF/UFO) UF Online Improvements \$ 558,504

Vice President Reynolds noted the university plan is to utilize the funds as appropriated.

3.3 University of Florida Educational Plant Survey Amendment

Vice President Reynolds discussed the University of Florida Educational Plant Survey Amendment as follows:

Due to the University’s need for improved access to the south end of campus, and transportation improvements necessitated by the construction of new athletic facilities, demolition of building #0559 (Mehrhof Hall) is required. This facility is a one-story masonry building having a reasonably low occupancy and considerable deferred maintenance problems. It has been determined the current occupants and functions can be relocated to other facilities to allow for construction of the new road and gateway into the south end of campus.

Per FLBOG Regulation 9.004 Razing of Buildings (1) Each University Board of Trustees shall have the authority to raze buildings. Prior to demolition of any educational or educational support facility with a replacement cost exceeding \$1,000,000, the university shall obtain an Educational Plant Survey recommendation for demolition. The University Board of Trustees shall review and approve the Educational Plant Survey recommendation and transmit to the Board of Governors for validation.

Vice President Reynolds noted that determination of this action will be confirmed prior to the June BOT. VP Reynolds stated that he wanted to make the FCI Committee aware of the plans to demo Mehrhof Hall. Staff will confirm if the building’s valuation exceeds the \$1 million threshold and take the appropriate steps for action as needed.

3.4 Naming(s):

Vice President Reynolds recognized Tom Mitchell, Vice President for Advancement for the discussion of the following naming(s):

Alfred McKethan Field at the Florida Ballpark

In recognition of the generous and significant support of the University of Florida by Alfred A. McKethan and the McKethan family, the University, the University of Florida

Foundation, and the University of Florida Athletic Association seek to name the field at the Florida Ballpark the “Alfred McKethan Field.”

Darren O’Day Bullpen at the Florida Ballpark

In recognition of the generous support of the University of Florida by Darren O’Day, and his contributions as a former member of the Florida Gators baseball team, the University, the University of Florida Foundation, and the University of Florida Athletic Association seek to name the home bullpen at the Florida Ballpark the “Darren O’Day Bullpen.”

Strems Gator Deck at the Florida Ballpark

In recognition of the generous support of the University of Florida by Scot Strems, the University, the University of Florida Foundation, and the University of Florida Athletic Association seek to name the deck at the Florida Ballpark the “Strems Gator Deck.”

National Championship Display Courtesy of The Gator Dugout Club

In recognition of the generous support of Florida Gators Baseball by the Gator Dugout Club, the University, the University of Florida Foundation, and the University of Florida Athletic Association seek to name the National Championship Display at the Florida Ballpark the “National Championship Display Courtesy of The Gator Dugout Club.”

Chris & Angela LaFace Student-Athlete Lounge at the James W. “Bill” Heavener Football Training Center

In recognition of the generous support of the University of Florida by Chris & Angela LaFace, the University, the University of Florida Foundation, and the University of Florida Athletic Association seek to name the student-athlete lounge at the James W. “Bill” Heavener Football Training Center the “Chris & Angela LaFace Student-Athlete Lounge.”

Vice President Mitchell acknowledged each request met the naming and gift guidelines as well as the governance policies set by the UF Board of Trustees. Committee Chair Hosseini asked the Board to contact Vice President Mitchell prior to the June 2020 meeting if there were additional questions regarding the namings presented. Committee Chair Hosseini asked the Governance Committee to conduct an audit to make sure all naming and gift guidelines are being adhered to.

3.5 Construction Update

Vice President Reynolds discussed the overall campus construction activities; noting that both minor and major projects were within budget, schedule and scope. Contractors have responded to heightened safety and social distancing protocols and work continues.

Vice President Reynolds also noted that progress with Duke Energy for the new electrical substation and the Central Energy Plant (CEP) continues and UF will be making application for the CEP air permit(s) in coming months.

A discussion ensued regarding the new Honors Residence project programming and available funding. Committee Chair Hosseini reminded staff of the Board of Trustees' fiduciary responsibilities to the University and its priority interest for the construction of the Honor Residence project.

Vice President Reynolds was requested to review project funding with Senior Vice President Charlie Lane, to confirm the project continues to progress in accordance to BOT priority. Vice President Reynolds will have an update during the June 2020 meeting.

4.0 New Business

5.0 Adjourn

There being no further discussion, Committee Chair Hosseini adjourned at the meeting at 10:47 a.m.