

**MINUTES OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
BOARD OF REGENTS
FACILITIES, CONSTRUCTION AND
MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE**

February 6, 2009

The Chair of the Committee, Lynden B. Rose, convened the meeting of the Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee of the University of Houston System Board of Regents in the Flamingo Room 275, University of Houston Hilton Hotel, 4800 Calhoun, Houston, TX at 11:03 a.m. on Friday, February 6, 2009, with the following members present: Carroll Robertson Ray, Jim P. Wise, Tamara K. Goodwin, and Welcome W. Wilson, Sr., Ex Officio.

Regent Rose introduced Dr. Carl Carlucci, who presented the two action items and three information items for consideration by the committee.

Action Items

1. Approval of the Undergraduate Housing Program – University of Houston

Dr. Carlucci requested approval for the Undergraduate Housing (Wheeler Precinct) program. The proposed program is a building of approximately 220,325 ASF/ 339,000 GSF. This project provides for the design and construction of Phase I of freshmen housing consisting of approximately 250 two-bedroom, shared-bath units (1,000 beds total) with related amenities, support staff, and resident staff/resident assistant apartments.

This facility will emphasize the freshmen experience by including a living-learning center with resident staff, floor lounges, floor kitchenettes, computer room, vending areas, laundry room(s), multi-purposes classrooms, and a fitness area.

Dr. Lee emphasized the importance of freshmen housing on campus stating statistics have shown that students who live on campus were more involved, were more persistent and have a higher retention rate. This would also help to attract more students from the surrounding Houston metropolitan area as well as from out-of-state, if necessary, as we focus on quality.

Dr. Carlucci then turned the meeting over to Dave Irvin, who gave an overview of the proposed site and scope of the project. Mr. Irvin stated there would be two phases to this project. Four design-build team proposals have been received through an RFQ process and he stated they had received some tremendously competitive bids coming in at approximately 20 percent below anticipated costs.

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Regent Rose raised the question as to why we were moving back to a design that we had moved away from. Dr. Carlucci stated that this type of housing was conducive for freshmen housing.

Regent Ray moved committee approval of the site and scope of this item as presented; Regent Wise seconded the motion; and members of the committee concurred. This item will be placed on the agenda for the February 17, 2009 Board of Regents meeting for final board approval.

2. Moody Towers Renovation - University of Houston

Dr. Carlucci requested approval of the renovation in the Moody Towers Dining Hall as part of the re-negotiated ARAMARK master food service contract. Dr. Carlucci called on Emily Messa, who gave a powerpoint presentation on this project. Ms. Messa showed the current facility versus the proposed renovation. By renovating Moody Dining, 25,300 s.f. to accommodate an incremental 1,700 residents (+254%) to 2,800 residents; seating capacity to 550 (+22%) versus current 450; augment serving concepts to 8 (+ 14%) versus current 7; and create a private dining room, 1,000 s.f., with a capacity of up to 100 persons.

The total estimated project costs would be \$9.8 million with a projected 9 month completion schedule. The renovations would take place during the summer of 2009 with a targeted opening date of August 21, 2009.

A complete copy of this presentation was filed in the Board office.

Regent Wise moved committee approval of this item as presented; Regent Ray seconded the motion; and members of the committee concurred. This item will be presented on the agenda for the February 17, 2009 Board of Regents meeting for final board approval.

The next three items were presented for information only and require no action by the committee.

1. Safety and Security Update – University of Houston

Dr. Carlucci turned the meeting over to Malcolm Davis, Chief of Police for the University of Houston, who gave an update on this issue.

Chief Davis stated the policing philosophy for public safety at the University of Houston was to provide a safe environment for all members of the UH community to work, to study, to live, and to socialize. This is their top priority and their overriding goal.

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Back in 2005, a survey was taken by Dr. Lee's area and there was some perception of safety of students on campus. A bid for a consultant to come in and assess the situation was done and The Bratton Group won the bid and was hired to look into the situation. After their review, the first thing they stated was that the perception of crime on campus did not match the reality. The crime levels here at UH were equal to or often below other urban universities.

The consultants did make some recommendations which have been instituted:

1. More security patrols are visible on the outskirts of the campus;
2. Lighting has increased tremendously since 2005. Numerous call boxes and lighting have been installed on campus;
3. Up to 500 cameras have been installed at numerous strategic locations;
4. Foot patrol and bike patrol officers have increased on campus; and
5. The university has revised their beats to not only include Cullen Oaks and Bayou Oaks, but to also spend more time with the residential students.

The means for mass communication has been devised. The PIER and siren systems have been implemented and beacons will be installed in classrooms, labs and other areas.

2. RecycleMania 2009 – University of Houston

Dr. Carlucci introduced this item and turned the meeting over to Emily Messa, who gave a presentation of the activities and standing of the University of Houston in the nation-wide RecycleMania 2009 competition. UH is going green!

Ms. Messa stated that RecycleMania was part of a 10-week, nation-wide competition through March 28, 2009, with 510 colleges and universities participating. This event focuses on recycling and waste minimization and the results will be posted online. There will be numerous events planned including a pep rally, UH Green Commuter Fair, Campus Produce Garden Dedication and Planting, Recycling Olympics and Recycled Art Competition, Contests for student groups, offices, and residence halls.

3. Status Report of Major Construction Projects – University of Houston

Dave Irvin gave a brief update on the status of the major construction projects and stated that this report will be given out on a quarterly basis and can be found on the Facilities website at <http://www.uh.edu/af/MajorCapitalProjectsStatus.pdf>.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

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All documentation submitted to the Committee in support of the foregoing action items, including but not limited to “Passed” agenda items and supporting documentation presented to the Committee, is incorporated herein and made a part of these minutes for all purposes; however, this does not constitute a waiver of any privileges contained herein.

Others Present:

Carl Carlucci
John Antel
Dona Cornell
Elwyn Lee
Tim Hudson
Malcolm Davis
Paulina Guerrero
Brian Wigtil
Karen Clarke
Dan Wells
Karla Kohn
Ed Jones

Tom Ehardt
Emily Messa
John Walsh
Dan Gardner
Esmeralda Valdez
Sam Dike
Mary Martin
Phil Booth
Mary Carpenter
Liz Fletcher
Jonas Chin
Marquette Hobbs

Diane Murphy
Dave Irvin
Oscar Gutierrez
Elaine Charlson
James Hale
Robert Ferguson
Ed Hugetz
David Bell
Russ Hoskins
Robert Ferguson
Lisa Martin
Gerry Mathisen