

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

April 15, 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 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, with the following members present: Carroll Robertson Ray, Jim P. Wise, Tamara K. Goodwin, and Welcome W. Wilson, Sr., Ex Officio. Regent Calvin W. Stephens also attended the meeting. A quorum of the Board was present at this meeting.

After calling the meeting to order, Regent Rose introduced Dr. Carl Carlucci, who presented the three action items for consideration by the committee.

Action Items

1. Approval of the UH Central Plant Expansion Site and Program – University of Houston

Dr. Carlucci requested the expansion program for the UH Central Plant. This proposed plan would add approximately 8,000 s.f.; add three, 2,500 ton chillers; replace all existing cooling towers, and add one new cooling tower cell. The financing of this project was already included in our Capital Renewal and Deferred Maintenance (CRDM), although this was the number one project for funding from the Federal Stimulus Package, the portion that flows through the state.

Dr. Carlucci turned the meeting over to Dave Irvin, who presented a program for plant expansion that would see the University of Houston through our proposed future growth. This expansion would be critical for Tier One and campus expansion. Mr. Irvin stated that the Federal Government and EPA have mandated we replace existing equipment with new lower polluting equipment as part of the mandates to force Houston to meet clean air requirements. By expanding the central plant, we will increase the University's utility capacity to serve the future buildings needed to support the Framework Plan and house Tier One Research.

Mr. Irvin explained that this expansion would replace 35-40 year old outdated equipment and expand chilling capacity 32% to serve campus expansion. It would also reduce campus electrical consumption 3-4% annually and save over \$1.2 million in utility costs and reduce NOX emissions 70% to meet EPA mandates. The construction

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of this project would begin in November 2009 after Coordinating Board approval in May 2009 and the project would be completed in December 2012.

A complete copy of Mr. Irvin's presentation was filed in the Board office.

Regent Ray moved committee approval of the site and program 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 April 21, 2009 Board of Regents meeting for final board approval.

2. Approval is requested to Name the Newly Constructed Academic Building at the University of Houston System Sugar Land – UH System

Dr. Carlucci requested approval to name the newly constructed academic building at the University of Houston System Sugar Land – “Brazos Hall.” Dr. Carlucci deferred to Mr. Ed Hugetz who gave a brief history of this proposal. Standing on the Brazos River Basin, Brazos Hall carries on the historic legacy of bringing life-sustaining elements to the people of the Fort Bend County region. The Brazos River, originally named Los Brazos de Dios (The Arms of God) by Spanish settlers, brought water to those in need. In that spirit, Brazos Hall would be known as Los Brazos de Sabiduria (The Arms of Knowledge) by those who thirst for education and enlightenment to improve the quality of their lives. Mr. Hugetz emphasized that from a fundraising perspective, this would leave the door open for naming opportunities.

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 placed on the agenda for the April 21, 2009 Board of Regents meeting for final board approval.

3. Approval of the Jack J. Valenti School of Communication Expansion Program – University of Houston

Dr. Carlucci requested approval for the Jack J. Valenti School of Communication Expansion Program which comprises 4,875 gsf of new construction/expansion, and approximately 6,520 gsf of renovated existing space, including an entry lobby.

Dr. Carlucci called upon Dave Irvin, who expanded on this program. A draft RFQ was distributed to each member of the board as an example of their standard process for their reference. Mr. Irvin gave a brief summary of the project scope and space. This would accommodate growth to 1,600 majors; provide new studio/production spaces; provide new front door/visibility; renovates existing space for two new class-labs; and renovates/upgrades production space and represents the first phase of a comprehensive program to renovate and expand the existing School of Communication building to become a premium facility.

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Regent Wise moved committee approval of the site and program as presented; Regent Ray seconded the motion; and members of the committee concurred. This item will be placed on the agenda for the April 21, 2009 Board of Regents meeting for final board approval.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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
Tim Hudson
Barbara Stanley
John Walsh
Gerry Mathisen

Dan Wells
Dave Irvin
John Powell
Jon Aldrich
Ed Jones
Dineta Frazier

Ed Hugetz
Mike Emery
Al Warner
Mark Clarke
James Hale
Marquette Hobbs