



Campus Development Advisory Committee – CDAC

Minutes

Friday, August 23, 2013
1:00pm to 3:00pm
Mitchell Hall, Room 220

Attendees: (taken from sign-in sheet – for those who signed in)

Steven Alan Yourstone	Anderson School of Management
Chris Vallejos	Institutional Support Services
Isaac Romero	ASUNM
Efthinos Maniathis	School of Architecture
Jorge Colon	School of Architecture & Planning
Petra Morris	City of Albuquerque, Planning
Jorge Wernly	School of Medicine
Melissa Vargas	Provost’s Office
Nancy Dennis	University Libraries
Bob Doran	University Architect
Lisa Marbury	Institutional Support Services
Joan Green	Student Affairs, ARC
Pamela Pyle	Faculty Senate President, Elect
Behnamk Mousari	Research Policy Committee
Walt Miller	Student Affairs
Dennis Dunn	Office of University Secretary
Suzanne Mortier	University Landscape Architect

Guests:

President Robert Frank	University of New Mexico
Van Gilbert	Van Gilbert Architects
Michael Borowksi	Van Gilbert Architects

Meeting called to order – (No Chair in place)

CDAC Business

Discussion: Steven Alan Yourstone opened the meeting and stated the first item of business would be to elect a Chair for the committee. It was brought up that only faculty members could vote for the Chair, and that the position would be for a two year duration. Faculty present consisted of five faculty members from the main campus, and two from the Health Science Center.

Action: A vote was called for nominating Steven Yourstone for Chair of CDAC. The motion was seconded and Steven was elected Chair.

Following the vote introductions were made from all participants present for the meeting.

Science and Math Learning Center Addition Report: *(presented by Van Gilbert Architects)*

Discussion: Van Gilbert opened the presentation by explaining that this project was completed in 2010, but got caught up in the budget process and there was not enough money to complete the project. Twelve thousand square feet had to be removed from the project, but, after the market crashed, it was re-bid, and the bid came in at an excellent price. So now, the project is being re-presented to UNM with two organic chemistry labs, earth and planetary science areas, and an office area. The original building was sixty thousand square feet, for math and science. The phase being presented at this meeting will complete the project.

Michael Borowski, of Van Gilbert Architects, continued the presentation, beginning with an explanation of the original Phase I of the project and continuing with a detailed explanation of the new Phase. Points touched upon included, utilities, entrances, parking, safety, building materials, solar devices, windows and lighting, and how these various items blend in with the original construction of Phase I.

Concerns were expressed about the dead-end space on the West end of the building. The space is a narrow three-story “cavern” that will be both unpleasant and could be dangerous. Bob Doran suggested providing glazing on the North and West walls of the stairwell lessening the perceived mass of the corner and providing a 24 hour lighting and possible sense of surveillance into the space from the stairwell. Heating elements in the concrete walkway are proposed in the walkway to prevent ice over in the winter. Others expressed concern about the massive three story wall that would abut a sidewalk with no buffering. It is not possible to buffer the wall with landscaping or other features without a significant expense for moving utilities to create the necessary room.

Faculty expressed a concern for the effect of light on experiments conducted in the new labs.

Michael mentioned that this addition to the Science and Math Learning Center works well with timing of the renovation of Clark Hall, opening up research space in Clark Hall now occupied by the Organic Chemistry Labs moving to SMLC. The Math Department will now be located one hundred percent into the SMLC. This was one of the Provost’s goals for this building. Earth and Planetary science labs will be located in the basement level.

Action: Design Development Documents for this project will be turned into UNM for review on September 16, 2013.

The Wellness Center Planning: *(presented by Melissa Vargas and Bob Doran)*

Discussion: Melissa began her presentation by pointing out that this project is still in the planning stages, and is a project that has been in development for many years. It will be a forty to sixty million dollar project.

In 2008/2009 the Vice President for Student Affairs funded a study, with Van Gilbert Architects, for the creation of a Student Recreation Center, which would augment Johnson Center. Once again the economy took its toll on this project and it was put on hold due to lack of financial resources. Mary Kinney, now retired, along with Dr. Eliseo Torres, Melissa Vargas, Tim Gutierrez and Bob Doran have developed extensive background work on this project in regards to not only a Student Recreation Center, but campus wide Wellness Center including planning and programming for a new University Recreation Center / SHAC and a repurposed Johnson Center including, at a minimum, correctly designed facilities for HESS and Athletics. When presented in 2009 the Student Recreation Center alone was a sixty million dollar project. This project will now need to address the continued use of Johnson Center, the Student Health and Counseling Center, Academic Programs related to Johnson Gym, which would lead to a more integrated approach to wellness at UNM. Currently approximately seventy three percent of Johnson Gym is used for educational space. This project is being



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pursued because it would provide more wellness opportunities for our students, and offer them more opportunities to staying on campus while they are pursuing their academic goals. This project would not take duplicate or replace facilities within Johnson Center, but add more needed programming to the overall complex. The project is based on a national model, which although is based on sports and recreation, documents an increase in the recruitment of perspective students, the overall retention of these students and shortens the time to graduate all improving our student's success.

Bob Doran mentioned his involvement in a project similar at the University of Cincinnati, and the difference it made to the quality of life on campus. It was open to staff and faculty, along with students, and some Alumni, and it led to a more positive interaction between faculty, staff, and students, that was quite unexpected.

Action: This project has now made its way into the President's 20/20 plan, as a student life goal for UNM, and will be approached in phases and be a multi-year project.

Integrated Academic Planning Model: *(presented by Melissa Vargas)*

Discussion: This project was started several years ago in Academic Affairs, and is a reflection of successful construction and renovation projects on UNM, since 2005, and focuses on academic needs. It looks at credit hours, accreditation issues for a particular program, and how that program relates to the university. It also looks at the job market and how UNM students will fit into this job market. Steven Yourstone has been very involved in this project and has created a draft document. This project is used as justification for major capital projects on the UNM campus, and the reason for the two new building in the College of Education. It is overseen by the Provost's Office, and every program that comes to the Provost's Office, for additional space or financial support, must go through this Integrated Academic Planning Model. No exceptions. It aids the Provost in prioritizing all the proposals that come through his office. Every plan has three components: the Academic Plan, the Financial Plan, and the Facility Plan. The planning process also aids schools in understanding the fit between their academic plan, financial plan, and facilities plan. Two members asked questions about prioritization criteria that would be used to fund the project, particularly in light of the Integrated Academic Planning model discussion which preceded the presentation of the Gateway project. No specific answers were offered.

Action: CDAC will be presented with the new planning tools that have been developed through this project, and will be shown how this fits into President Frank's 20/20 Goal.



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Gateway Project: *(presented by President Robert Frank and Bob Doran)*

Discussion: The goal of the Gateway Project, which is championed by President Frank, is to enhance the physical boundaries of the UNM Central Campus. President Frank's vision is to develop a contemporary means of communicating to anyone within the proximity of the UNM Central Campus, the ongoing opportunities for higher education, continuing education and both sporting and cultural events available on campus.

Bob Doran began the presentation by explaining how the way-finding on campus including the traditional monument entrance signs on campus have been improved and expanded over the past few years and the positive impact this had on the campus.

Gateway studies from other universities around the country were analyzed. In comparison UNM has a very porous campus edges, and the campus, as a whole, has been designed primarily from the inside out. The exterior edges of the campus are very amorphous and lacking definition.

The initial plan is to define the precinct parameters of the campus along Central, University, and Lomas, where the highest volume of traffic is generated. The first targeted location would be the corner of Central and University, where the existing monument sign would be enhanced to include containing an electronic message board promoting the university and its strengths. The second site would be located at Girard and Central followed by North Stanford and Lomas, across from the hospital and Lomas and University. Girard and Central is specifically pointed to as an example of a location where there is no information identifying the campus as the University of New Mexico is in place.

President Frank strongly emphasized that this is an important project and that it is a costly project, and that is why it is being presented to the CDAC committee for feedback. On average these signs will cost an average of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, depending on the size. The locations of the north and south campuses could also be addressed in the future.

Questions and issues raised by committee members included the actual visibility of these message boards at University and Central, and specifically on Lomas, due to the density of the existing buildings. Also, the issues of the height of the message boards, the messages appearing on these boards, and the effects upon existing landscaping were discussed. Concerns were expressed for the potential to distract drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists at these very busy intersections. A



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counter point to that was that these users of the intersections will be stopped for a time and that is when they can view the signage.

Action: This idea now needs to be taken from the conceptual phase, to the actual requesting of bids and proposals from various vendors and suppliers. The Gateway Project will be an ongoing topic for future CDAC meetings.

Way-Finding Signs:

As the CDAC meeting was adjourning a quick meeting was pulled together regarding the Way-Finding signs at the Health Sciences Center. President Frank wants a consistent message with the entire campus Way-Finding signs, and that they be of a consistent color, cherry. The Health Science Center has decided to use turquoise, rather than cherry. The reason HSC chose turquoise instead of cherry, is the inference the color cherry makes toward blood.

Action: It was decided to refer to a meeting a few years ago with HSC, where a decision regarding Way-Finding signs was made, and Chris Vallejos will use that decision when he reports to President Frank.

UNM/CNM Transit Study: *(Petra Morris, City of Albuquerque, Planning Department)*

Petra Morris reported to the committee that a community meeting is going to take place on September 10, 2013, at noon, at the SUB, or on September 11, 2013, at noon, at CNM, or on September 12, 2013, at noon, at Loma Linda Community Center, which will address the UNM/CNM Transit Study. All meetings are open to the public.

Action: Petra will forward an email regarding these meetings to Steven Yourstone, who will then forward this information to all CDAC committee members.

Next Meeting: Steven Yourstone will be sending out a Doodle to all committee members to decide on a September meeting date. Agenda items not covered in today's meeting will be addressed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 3:00pm