Minutes
UCF Board of Trustees
Facilities and Infrastructure Committee
University of Central Florida
October 18, 2022

Trustee Caryl McAlpin, Chair of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

She reminded the committee that the meeting was covered by the Florida Sunshine Law and that the public and press were invited to attend.

Danielle Sarris, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Facilities and Business Operations, called the roll and determined a quorum was present.

The following committee members attended the meeting virtually: Jeff Condello, Danny Gaekwad, Stephen King, John Miklos and Michael Okaty.

Other trustees that attended virtually included Tiffany Altizer and Board Chair Alex Martins.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the meetings minutes of the May 25, 2022, meeting was made by King and unanimously approved as submitted.

ACTION

FACC – 1 State Allocation of Federal Funding for Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Education Complex Renovations – Project Approval

Jon Varnell, Vice President for Facilities and Business Operations, presented the need for renovations to the Chemistry and Biological Sciences buildings which are amongst the worst condition facilities in the facilities condition assessment (FCA).

Varnell stated that the board approved the FY22-23 Capital Improvement Plan in 2021 which included PECO funding for these renovation projects. Rather than award PECO funds, the state chose to address the capital renewal and deferred maintenance needs of these buildings by allocating federal funds in the following amounts:
• $21,630,000 of federal funds for the Biological Sciences Building Renovation
• $10,000,000 of federal funds for the Chemistry Building Renovation
• $443,514 of federal funds for the Education Complex fire alarm replacement.

As part of this renovation project, Varnell shared the critical need to create swing space that allows organic chemistry labs to remain operational. After exploring multiple options, it was recommended that the Ferrell Commons H building be repurposed as lab space to serve multiple colleges. The remodel of Ferrell Commons H from the existing Knights Study and Knights Pantry spaces to Chemistry Teaching Lab space will require approval and use of E&G carryforward funds in the amount of $10,000,000.

Board Chair Martins and McAlpin emphasized the importance of visuals as the university moves through critical investments associated with the FCA.

Varnell announced plans to launch a Capital Project Planning Committee (CPPC) designed to prioritize capital projects needs of the university and recommend funding strategies for these projects to the board.

King made a motion to approve FACC-1, with Condello providing a second. The motion passed unanimously.

FACC – 2 Ferrell Commons H Remodel – Project Approval

Varnell noted that the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the board in May includes Chemistry funding which may result in additional dollars.

King made a motion to approve FACC-2, with Miklos providing a second. The motion passed unanimously.

DISC – 1 2022-23 Fixed Capital Outlay Budget

Varnell presented the proposed 2022-23 Fixed Capital Outlay Budget for review and discussion only. This is a required item that must be submitted to the BOG on an annual basis following review and approval by the Budget and Finance Committee.

The committee had no questions regarding this item.

INFORMATION

McAlpin referenced the following items for information only:

• FY23 Work Plan and Charter Review
• Comprehensive Report on Construction-Related Activity
• Campus Master Plan Neighborhood Meeting Minutes
• 2021-22 Fixed Capital Outlay Budget Update

The committee had no questions regarding the information items.
NEW BUSINESS

Condello inquired about staffing and recruitment. Gerald Hector, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance, touched on current initiatives and will present a more in-depth presentation on the UCF hiring process at a future meeting.

McAlpin said she would like to see a fundraising strategy for new Chemistry and Biological Sciences buildings this year. President Cartwright stated that he will begin conversations with Rod Grabowski, Senior Vice President for Advancement and Partnerships and CEO of the UCF Foundation.

ADJOURNMENT

McAlpin adjourned the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Reviewed by:

Caryl McAlpin
Chair, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee

Respectfully submitted:

Mike Kilbridge
Executive Chief of Staff