

Board of Trustees
Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2004

Trustees Present:

Roland Daniels, Chair
Albert Thweatt
Anthony Brennan
Kyle Jones

Chairman Roland Daniels called the meeting to order. His first item of business was to thank past Chair, Carlos Alfonso, for his leadership and his great work in establishing and leading this committee.

The minutes were approved for the December 2003 meeting.

Leslie Bram introduced the first action item. The committee heard two options for the naming of the Constans Theatre renovation in honor of the McGuire gift. The first was “The Nadine M. McGuire Theatre and Dance Pavilion.” The second was “McGuire Family Theatre and Dance Pavilion.” It will be determined at a later date which one of these is chosen, but the committee unanimously approved both namings.

The next item was to review various rules that were presented to the Facilities Committee. All rules were approved unanimously. These included the facilities use rule, alcohol rule, and the international fee rule.

Dave O’Brien briefed the committee on the progress of the Florida Department of Transportation building renovations on Waldo Road and 39th Avenue. Dave advised that the library books have been moved into the 39th Avenue site and all renovations were complete. With regard to the Waldo Road site, an architect is currently engaged to plan the renovation. It is estimated that over 150 employees may work in these facilities at various times.

Next, Carol Walker gave an update on the construction progress campus-wide and statewide. She highlighted a number of the larger projects that were fully underway. UF currently has over \$240 million under construction at this time. This does not include renovation projects.

Dave O’Brien then gave a detailed presentation regarding deferred maintenance on campus. During this presentation, the Trustees noted that we needed to look at creative models for funding deferred maintenance, such as endowing maintenance funds from private gifts. They also agreed that we should continue to do updated assessments to

quantify the deferred maintenance needs. The Trustees also inquired as to what arrangement would be adequate to avoid further deferred maintenance. The Trustees further suggested we partner with faculty and student groups to engage in these assessments. The Trustees spoke of developing a resolution for the full Board of Trustees to establish deferred maintenance as a priority issue.

The next discussion item was a presentation of the final Capital Improvements list. A few amendments were provided to the Courtelis match. No approval of this revised list was needed.

Linda Dixon then gave an update on the 2005-2015 Master Plan process and how the University would be engaged until late 2005 in, essentially, re-writing the Master Plan. Trustee Brennan noted the leadership and interaction that would occur with the faculty.

The Trustees then received an update on the O'Connell Center roof lawsuit. The University is very close with Skanska Construction in negotiating a letter of agreement for a test site for a new material that may provide some solution to the current discoloration.

The Chairman and other trustees commended the various groups on their presentations and good work. It was also suggested that a campus tour be conducted at the June Trustee meeting to see first-hand deferred maintenance issues and better understand the volume and complexity of construction projects currently underway on campus.

Trustee Thweatt asked that a sample of Master Plan amendments be shared with them so they might see the type changes that occur.

The meeting was adjourned.