

**Board of Trustees
Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2005**

Members Present

Roland Daniels, Chair
Courtney Cunningham
Joe Goldberg
Kim Tanzer

The Committee began the meeting by approving the minutes of the September 8, 2005, meeting.

Revised 2006-07 Capital Improvements Plan/FECG/Legislative Authorizations - Ed Poppell and Carol Walker presented the revisions to the CIP list as follows:

Veterinary Education and Clinical Research Center has been moved from Priority No. 13 to Priority No. 7

Priority No. 5 was renamed to Water, Soil and Plant Sciences Building

The Facilities Enhancement Challenge Grant list has changed as a result of recent gifts. This list may change through the end of December as the Foundation receives additional gifts for renovations and/or new construction projects.

Three additional Legislative Authorizations were presented to allow construction/renovation to proceed and to seek Operations & Maintenance funding:

College of Medicine (Jacksonville) Biomedical Research Lab (Renovation and Long Term Lease)
Pugh Hall (New Construction)
Bell South Building (Acquisition and Renovation)

The Committee recommends approval of these revisions on the Consent Agenda.

Ed Poppell reported that the University has only received \$1.3M of its Hurricane request for IFAS from last year. Another request for this year's hurricanes will exceed \$1M. IFAS is struggling with these loses and lack of FEMA funding

Acquisition of Bell South Building - Ed Poppell reported that UFF has purchased this building and recommends that the title be transferred to the Board of Trustees. The building will be renovated to house the Office of Vice President of Human Resources.

Campus Master Plan - Linda Dixon reported that, as required by law, informal public information sessions were conducted on November 16 and 22, 2005. The University is also required to hold two public hearings to receive public comment and to submit the master plan update to the City, County and other state agencies for review. The first public hearing is scheduled for December 14th. The second public hearing will be held in conjunction with this Board meeting on March 31, 2006, as required by law.

Kim Tanzer requested that the Board remember not to increase student enrollment without an increase in faculty positions in future planning.

The Committee recommends approval to authorize the University to commence the Campus Master Plan for 2005-2015 update adoption process on the Consent Agenda.

Facilities - Ed Poppell presented four naming requests to the Committee:

1. to name the new Biological Control Quarantine Facility the “Norman Haslip Hall” in memory of the first director of the UF/IFAS Indian River Research and Education Center at Ft. Pierce.
2. to name the graduate housing complex at the UF/IFAS Indian River Research and Education Center at Ft. Pierce, the “Myron ‘Mac’ Varn Graduate Housing” in memory of Mac Varn and his leadership.
3. to name the future new building that will house the Graham Center, the “Jim and Alexis Pugh Hall” in recognition of their commitment to UF.
4. to name the Dairy Science Building “The L. E. ‘Red’ Larson Dairy Science Building” in recognition of their contributions to UF.

IFAS Land Lease - Joe Joyce reported as an informational item on discussions to develop the Treasure Coast Education Research and Development Park in St. Lucie County which will house businesses and non-profit corporations. The location for the complex will require a long-term ground lease between the University and the School Board of St. Lucie. The parties are currently in the process of drafting a memorandum of understanding and seeking funds for facilities for both the School Board and IFAS.

Construction Report - Carol Walker presented an update on the current construction projects. She reported that there were two projects with budget changes: Proton Therapy Facility and Ustler Hall. Additional funds were provided to allow for an increase in project scope. All projects are proceeding as indicated in the status report.

Carol also reported that a survey was sent to the universities by the Board of Governors regarding increasing costs of construction projects. UF submitted six projects for consideration of additional funding due to material and labor cost escalation. The request totaled \$25M and will be incorporated in the Board of Governor’s request if it goes to the

Special Session next week. It is uncertain whether the Board of Governor's request will be heard.

Florida Architects Update - Carol Walker reported that 650+ letters have been sent to alumni of the School of Architecture who are currently working in the State of Florida encouraging their consideration of project opportunities at UF and its sites around the state. She also posted an announcement on the facilities website to report changes that have occurred in the UF's selection process over the last several years. Gene Herring reported on his discussions with peer institutions around the state.

Carol also reported that UF is hosting an open house today to bring together small and minority businesses with our campus service contractors to discuss opportunities for work at UF.

Eastside Campus Opening - Ed and Roland reported on the successful open house for the Eastside Campus this week which houses the Bridges Group and departments of the College of Engineering. The renovations and new construction on the campus received great community support.

Utility Charges - Ed Poppell reported that the Public Service Commission has announced a 35% increase in utilities for fuel adjustments together with a 2.3% price increase. The utility impact to UF will be \$7M annually.

Kim Tanzer reported on President Machen's plan to decrease energy costs on campus through sustainability initiatives.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.