

Minutes
Council on the Built Environment
April 6, 2005

Attending: Jim Calvin, Kem Bennett, Russell Cross, Shelly Janac, Clint Magill, James Massey, Raye Milburn, David Parrott, Bill Perry, Nancy Sawtelle, Charles Sippial, Max Summers, Dick Williams, and Joel Wixson.

The Council reviewed the current Phase 2 budget and noted that infrastructure costs are now listed separately as they are not entirely for faculty reinvestment purposes. The amount listed for lease space is the total amount needed over the reinvestment period.

Paul Parrish, Ben Crouch, Massey, Sippial, and Perry met recently to discuss the possibility of English relocating to the YMCA building. Parrish noted that English currently has dedicated classroom space in Blocker, which would be lost if the department moved to YMCA, and English would also lose the potential use of the Mosher Institute space. While not ideal, the department could work with having their graduate students in another location near YMCA. A recent e-mail from Parrish noted that the department could accommodate all faculty and staff in the YMCA with the exception of 18 faculty, if the current redesign for the building remains. Massey noted that the reading rooms could be converted to office space to gain extra footage. Sippial stated that if the building goes through another redesign process, it will delay anyone moving into the building.

Concern was expressed about the length of time it takes for new construction in the academic corridor and the Council questioned whether the University should consider more use of lease space. Perry asked Sippial to provide a list of lease space greater than 5,000 square feet.

Wixson suggested building an administrative office building on the University Apartments site for temporary use until other space became available. When no longer needed, the building could be given to Residence Life to use for student housing. Alternatively, a second General Services Building could be constructed across the street from the current GSC. Administration functions could be relocated to that building to free up space in academic corridor. This facility could be ready in as little as 18 months since it would have the same design as the current GSC.

After taking a short break, the Council reviewed the timeline of space availability. Available fairly soon are the options of Ag Communications moving to lease space, decommissioning two classrooms in Reed McDonald, the Graphics office space, possibly moving TTI to lease space, using Cater Matill for Agriculture's use and moving the Research Foundation to lease space. In summer 2006, the GSC is scheduled to be completed and by September 2006, Cain A wing would be available, Sbisra could be used as swing space, and by summer 2007 a second General Services Building could be completed and 25,000 SF in GSC-1 could be finished out. Perry suggested keeping the YMCA building in reserve until the Task Force for Enhancing the Undergraduate Experience makes its recommendations.

Wixson stated he does not support Legett as space for faculty reinvestment because of the displacement of the students and the costs of renovating the building and funding revenue stream replacement. Sippial moved that Legett be changed from a residence hall and used to support faculty reinvestment purposes. Summers seconded. Perry noted that Sasse has guaranteed the

same rental rate to Legett residents if they relocate to another residence hall on campus, and has promised that Residence Life will try to keep roommates together. The Council voted and all were in favor of the motion except Wixson. Parrott will provide information about Student Affairs' plan on residence halls.

The Council also discussed the idea of a campus housing development for use as administrative offices while a general office building is being constructed. Sippial estimates housing costs to be between \$80 and \$130 per square foot.

Perry noted that faculty approvals of offer may want to include the faculty member's space assignment and date of when the space will be available.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting is April 13.