

**Minutes**  
**Council on the Built Environment**  
**Texas A&M University**  
**November 15, 2006**

Voting members attending: Kem Bennett, Bobby Bisor, Joe Dillard for Dick Chilcoat, Russell Cross, Clint Magill, David Parrott, Bill Perry, Chuck Sippial, and Joel Wixson.

Guests: Deena Wallace, Wayne Williams, James Massey and Shelly Janac.

Space Recommendations

The Council discussed the responses received to the draft space and PUF recommendations. The Council agreed that the recommendations stated in the November 3 memo should remain with the following exceptions:

- Vice President for Research may be able to use the former FAMIS training rooms (500 to 600 SF) in Teague basement, instead of GSC swing space, for part of Contracts Administration.
- Item 11 under proposed PUF funding should be changed from Aerospace to Nuclear Engineering since Bennett states the Nuclear project is a higher priority for the college.

Additionally, Massey will check into the possibility of ELI moving their computer lab function from 216 Peterson to 136 Blocker, a Performance Studies teaching lab, in order to allow Psychology to use the Peterson space for reinvestment faculty research labs.

The estimated cost of renovations for the Nano laboratory was larger than expected. Bennett and Sippial will meet to determine where costs can be reduced.

Principles of Planning and Budgeting for Facilities

Perry asked the Council to review the document and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting on November 29. If endorsed by CBE and the deans, Perry will request adoption of the principles by the Senior Vice President for Finance, Provost and President.

CUP Flammable Storage Facility

Sippial stated that the Fire Marshal has said the flammable materials stored at the Central Utility Plant (CUP) need to be moved to a separate facility. Sippial requested approval in concept to construct a brick storage facility on the south side of the CUP complex for this purpose. Funds for the facility will come from the \$20 million PUF funds previously allocated for infrastructure funding. Cross moved and Bisor seconded to approve the proposal in concept. All members were in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2006.