

**Council Chairs Meeting**  
**January 24, 2007**

**Present: Colleen Cook, Joe Newton, Bill Perry, David Prior, Nancy Sawtelle, and Jerry Strawser**

- **Comments and announcements**

- Prior announced that Interim President Davis is planning to attend future meetings of the Council Chairs.

- **Council on the Built Environment**

- Beginning in January 2007, the CBE will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. On the first and third Wednesdays of each month, Perry, Bisor and Sippial will telephone conference with representatives of FB&C to discuss current and upcoming construction projects.
- TTI has requested that their new building be exempted from LEED Silver certification. CBE has denied this request as it believes the long-term savings will more than pay back the costs of the certification process costs. TTI has been encouraged to negotiate a more rational certification cost with FB&C.
- On January 9, a memorandum was sent to Interim President Davis, through Senior Vice President Redman to Executive Vice President and Provost Prior, requesting approval of Principles of Facilities-Related Decision Making. The principles would require certain processes for items such as deferred maintenance and capital renewal to be established or refined.
- CBE approvals in concept:
  - New residence hall to be located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Bizzell and Bush Drives
  - Enhancements around the Clayton W. Williams Alumni Center to include parking and a “Ring Plaza” at the back entrance to the building.
- President approvals:
  - Construction of a Nautical Archaeology Conservation Lab to be located on the Riverside Campus.
  - Flammable materials storage facility to be located within the Central Utility Plant Complex.

- **Education Council**

- The Education Council is more than half-way through its review of the Vision 2020 imperatives. Cook expects that their report will be complete in the next few weeks.

- **Finance Council**

- The Finance Council will meet later today (January 24) and will finalize recommendations the use of consultants. The Council will also consider the liability associated with accumulated accrued leave balances, as requested by Redman. The Council will continue consideration of small-scale capital improvements and expects to have a report for the next Council Chairs meeting. The Council will begin drafting a proposal on sourcing.

- **Research Council**

- The Research Council will meet on January 25. The Council will continue to review the Vision 2020 imperatives and to monitor the implementation of the policies related to technology commercialization.
  - Prior asked the Research Council to advise him and the President about appropriate processes that will facilitate working with the System and the constituent's committee, serving the Office of Technology Commercialization, to pursue opportunities for technology commercialization.
  - Prior asked the Research Council to advise him and the President on appropriate processes for working with the deans and the System to identify interdisciplinary research opportunities.