

Council Chairs Meeting
March 1, 2006

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

- **General Items**

- Recommendations from the Councils to the President should be submitted with a cover memo to President Gates through the Provost Prior with a copy to Sawtelle. Sawtelle will then distribute the recommendation to APC members and post it to the Councils page on the Provost's website.

- **Council on the Built Environment**

- CBE has endorsed "Scheme A" of the Life Sciences Building concept.
- CBE has committed additional funds (from contingency) for the LARR expansion. Total additional cost is \$2.8 million, with \$2.2 million coming from contingency and the rest coming from the Health Sciences Center.
- Residence Life has presented a draft campus housing master plan to the CBE. Residence Life will vet the plan with other groups before presenting a final concept to the CBE.
- Submission of Tuition Revenue Bonds has been postponed until further notice, but the President has stated that the Emerging Technologies and Economic Development (ETED) building will be the first priority with renovation of the YMCA second.
- Discussions about the site of the ETED continue.
- Chuck Sippial has formed a subcommittee to develop a University signage policy, he will discuss it with the Vice Presidents later in March.
- Programming for the Cyclotron Building will cost more than expected. CBE can provide half of the funds from contingency, with Science/Physics providing the other half.
- CBE open forum on February 16 went well. Many questions were raised related to parking issues caused by new construction.
- CBE's recommendation on deferred maintenance was approved by the Provost and is on its way to the President for approval.
- Perry will schedule a discussion of deferred maintenance for the Finance Council meeting on March 20.
- There is a potential for insufficient space to support Phase 2 of Faculty Reinvestment. If the Agriculture Program is unable to raise the funds for the Agriculture Headquarters Building and the University is successful in implementing the plans for increased enrollment, there may be a shortage of as much as 190,000 square feet.

- **Education Council**

- The Education Council is evaluating the Faculty Reinvestment Program from the perspective of benefits to education. To develop the metrics for this assessment, the Education Council will ask the deans to identify what they believe the benefits have been in their respective colleges.
- The Education Council will prioritize the recommendations for implementing the recommendations from the Undergraduate Task Force with the goal of optimizing the

use of resources. In that regard, it may be necessary for the Council to determine what the ballpark costs associated with implementation.

- The Education Council convey to the President and Provost faculty opinions concerning the recommendations of the Undergraduate Task Force.
- The Education Council is continuing to review the Vision 2020 goals as they relate to education.

- **Finance Council**

- The Finance Council's recommendation on strategic sourcing has gone to President Gates for approval. The Council recommends that the Division of Finance begin the process of investigating existing and future agreements for strategic sourcing in the following areas: items purchased for resale, computer products, telecommunications services, medical supplies, office equipment, and food services.
- Finance Council will vet the recommendations on deferred maintenance.
- Finance Council will review the implementation recommendations from the Education Council on the recommendations of the Undergraduate Task Force to help identify competing issues from the perspective of available resources.

- **Research Council**

- The Research Council is working with the VPR on the policy for the commercialization of intellectual property.
- Discussions about research administration continue.
- Discussions about hiring research staff continue.
- The Research Council is continuing to review the Vision 2020 goals as they relate to research.