Members present: Dan Benardot, Missy Cody, Tim Crimmins, Nancy Deel, Joe Fisher, Ellwood Oakley, Mary Munroe (for Charlene Hurt), Chris Paton, George Rainbolt, Vida Scarpello, Vijay Vaishnavi, Carol Whitcomb, Diane Willen, Judith Wold, Harry Wyatt


The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Minor and Major Capital Requests
The second issue on the agenda was discussion of the capital projects request previously approved by CBSAC. No new items were included; however, several were renamed and each item moved up following the approval of the new classroom building request. Mr. Harry Wyatt, Director of Planning and Space Analysis, provided the committee with a brief synopsis of the list. Minor capital projects (under $5M) include the following:

Renovation for High Technology Classrooms: conversion of space vacated by CIS to classroom use
Law Library Expansion: expansion, elevator renovation, as well as relocation of as yet unidentified student services functions
Facilities Support Center Acquisition and Renovation: initial stage of Southern GF property purchase
Five Points Center Office Renovation: conversion of offices for administrative use (also a payback project: the parking facility in the building will fund purchase)
Library Storage and Facilities Administration Building: component of the facilities support center
Sparks Hall Renovation: conversion of administrative spaces (from services relocated to the Five Points Center) into student lounges and faculty offices

Major capital (over $5M) include the following:

Laboratory Building: Divided into three stages (property acquisition and design and two phases of construction)
School of Art & Design Facility: purchase of Georgia Power steam plant for new space for the School
Kell Hall Replacement Design: one of several projects that would eventually replace laboratory and instructional facilities in KH

Regarding the plans for the laboratory building, Dr. Tim Crimmins asked if the first floor could be built and occupied and then the second. Mr. Wyatt replied that the method was possible but would be complicated and difficult on those working in the building. Dr. George Rainbolt asked if the
space beside the Natural Science Building was large enough for the lab. Mr. Joe Fisher responded that the lot would not be big enough for the proposed building. According to current plans, the entire block across from NSB, where several parking facilities and a McDonald's are currently located, would be needed for the laboratory.

The minor capital projects total over $24.7 M. Major capital projects total over $70 M. Committee chair Dr. Vijay Vaishnavi called for approval of the Capital Projects Request list. The motion was seconded and then approved unanimously by the committee.

**Major Renovation and Repair Requests**

The next item for discussion was a prioritized list of regular and regulatory renovations and repairs that had passed CBSAC. Regular projects totaled more than $5.7 M. Regulatory projects totaled over $4,200. Mr. Fisher summarized the list. He noted that regulatory projects are those required by an unfunded mandate such as ADA improvements of buildings. All 26 regular projects listed total 1.5 percent of the building replacement value, the percentage target the Board of Regents has asked the legislature to fund. Currently, the legislature has set the percentage at 0.9 percent (through project 16) for the University System, of which only 0.4 percent (through project eight) has been directed to Georgia State. Attempts are being made to raise that amount, however. Given these circumstances, items 1-8 must necessarily be those of greatest priority. Mr. Fisher indicated that the University submitted many more items to the BOR than they expected would be funded to demonstrate that the need for repairs and renovations far exceeds current levels of funding. He added that a recent study of Georgia State facilities found a backlog of $70 M in needed improvements.

Dr. Crimmins proposed that the Alumni Hall Theatre upgrade be moved above the 0.9 level to become item 10. The other items moved down on the list as a consequence. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the committee. Several committee members asked for clarification on the extent of the waterproofing projects listed. Mr. Fisher stated that the projects on the list did not represent all those needed. Dr. Vaishnavi called for the approval of the amended list. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**New Classroom Building Update**

Mr. Wyatt distributed copies of the packet that was provided to the architect for the Fairlie Poplar classroom building. The classroom, which will be over 157,000 gross square feet, will include two faculty "pods" (one on every other floor) with space for a workroom, reception area, shared office space, a lounge, and a student conference area. An office for the University Senate will also be located in the building to provide a long-term, everyday presence in the facility since it will not house any department offices. In addition, audio visual and IS&T support will also be stationed in the classroom building. The retail space will take up 20,000 square feet. Along with a study and vending area on each floor, there will be a 1,000 square foot student lounge on the ground floor as well as the "cyber café" which will have network connections for laptops.

Mr. Wyatt briefed the committee on the different classrooms planned for the facility. Despite differing capacities and layouts (30, 60, 120, and 200 seat), every classroom should have the same type of audiovisual equipment. In addition to slide, video, and computer presentation equipment, the permanent instructor's station will include a copy camera that will project anything placed on it. Connectivity in classrooms with movable furniture will be provided along the periphery of the room. In 40 and 60 seat case study classrooms, connectivity will be available at each seat. Mr. Wyatt summarized recent revisions to the plans for building connectivity. To provide additional room for
case study classrooms, 28 60-seat tiered/theatre style classrooms have been replaced with 23 modified case study rooms. The square footage per student station increased in the 60-seat case study rooms, as did their total number, from 7 to 10.

Dr. Rainbolt asked if the flip-down desktops planned for several classrooms will be large enough to facilitate a laptop computer, increasingly used by students for note taking regardless of classroom connectivity. He recommended that building designers explore the use of folding desktops that retract into the side of the desk. The issue of instructors being heard in large classrooms was also raised. Committee members suggested that amplification systems be included even in 60 seat classrooms.

Dr. Crimmins asked if the vending space or the cyber café would be counted as part of the retail space. Mr. Wyatt replied that the library was interested in running the cyber café and that vending facilities were not included in the 20,000 square feet allotted to retail ventures. He added that auxiliary services (book store, computer store) might be interested in filling any space that could not be leased. Dr. Rainbolt asked if space not leased could ever be converted to classroom space. Mr. Wyatt indicated that it was possible, but would be more costly than preparing the retail space.

Mr. Wyatt informed the group that the space list but not the program change has gone to the BOR. In fact, GSU's request to the Board was $800,000 greater than current project estimate due to cuts by a state estimator. The classroom changes will be incorporated into the program revision that will be necessary to make up these funds. Dr. Rainbolt asked at what point the University would no longer have to resubmit proposals to the Board. Mr. Fisher replied that the classroom was a BOR project until the design is complete.

Additional Issues
Mr. Fisher reported that the revised proposal for the campus was on the agenda for BOR's March meeting. If the Board approves the proposal, there probably will be a city referendum on support for the project in July. Alpharetta's contribution has increased to 1.5 M as well as a promise of more land and infrastructure improvements following the BOR request for a greater community commitment. In addition, negotiations are underway to renew GSU's lease on the current site of the North Metro Campus in Dunwoody.

No further issues were raised, and Dr. Vaishnavi adjourned the meeting.

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