

Chicago State University
Board of Trustees
Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415
May 10, 2010
11:40 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Gary Rozier, Chairman
Trustee Betsy Hill
Trustee Julie Samuels
Trustee Zaldwaynaka “Z” Scott
Trustee Levon James, Student Representative

Others Present

Mr. Wayne Watson, Ph.D., President
Mr. Patrick Cage, Esq., General Counsel for Labor and Legal Affairs
Mr. Michael Orr, Director of Facilities
Mrs. Monique Horton, Assistant Director of Facilities
Dr. Miriam Mobley Smith, Interim Dean for College of Pharmacy
Mr. Ronnie Watson, Chief of Police
Dr. Sandra Westbrooks, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ms. Altricia Wheeler, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Erma Brooks Williams, Associate to the President for the Board of Trustees and Governmental Affairs

1. Call to Order
Trustee Rozier called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call
A quorum was verified and roll call was taken.
3. Verification of Meeting Notice
The meeting notice was posted as mandated by the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

4. Action Items

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

**Trustee Hill moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. Trustee James seconded the motion.
The motion passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 5
Nays: 0**

5. Facilities Update

Mr. Michael Orr discussed the operation of the campus clock system. Mr. Orr stated after inspection, the current system was determined unserviceable and a new system is being pursued. Mr. Orr also provided an update on the Aquaponics project. He reported that all equipment was in place and the tanks have been installed, but waiting for contractor to obtain permit.

Mr. Orr explained the Capital Development Board (CDB) elevator project. Mr. Orr mentioned the following five buildings where elevators needed to be repaired/replaced: Education, Business Health and Sciences, Harold Washington Hall, Science (east) and Cook Administration. In addition, Mr. Orr described the upcoming CTA project, which involves tearing out all concrete and asphalt in the 541 East 95th Street entrance turnaround. *Trustee Scott inquired about the number of buses coming into the terminal.* Mr. Orr replied that currently buses stop in the turnaround, but in the upcoming plan, four routes will come into the campus for student access. Chief Ronnie Watson stated, if the project goes forward, the entrance will close July 31 and reopen August 16.

After reading the facilities report, Trustee Scott stated she was concerned about the affect the Douglas Hall renovation project would have on the College of Pharmacy’s accreditation. Mr. Orr responded that there is a grant in the amount of \$19.5 million to address the Douglas Hall renovation. Chief Ronnie Watson reported

that a refund payment of \$900,000 is scheduled and the College of Pharmacy needs approximately \$750,000 to finish out the labs to meet their accreditation. Mr. Orr explained that Dr. Smith could address this issue.

Dr. Miriam Mobley Smith clarified that the issue at question is the faculty research laboratories, which the estimated cost is \$750,000 -- \$800,000. Dr. Mobley Smith pointed out that the \$9.3 million, which is imbedded in that \$19.0 million (cost for the entire renovation of Douglas Hall) has been held up. Dr. Mobley Smith stated the grant certainly has been approved, but at this point, it is just unfunded. Dr. Mobley Smith noted that the entire \$19 million is critical, but if the College is not able to receive that \$9.3 million to move forward with the rest of the plan, then it will be a challenge.

Mrs. Monique Horton, the project manager, summarized that the critical number to keep in mind is \$8.5 million for the rest of the build out, which is the \$9.3 million taking away the \$750,000. Mrs. Horton stated it is serious at this point and should be considered as an emergency. *Trustee Rozier recognized that it is more of a financial issue than a time issue.*

Trustee Samuels commented on the report of the national gas project. Trustee Samuels stated that the University needs to install alternative energy sources on campus. Dr. Watson responded that the university is looking at solo panels on some buildings. *Trustee Samuels asked if the University has a green committee.*

Mrs. Horton explained that there is a committee that goes through the Faculty Senate. Mrs. Horton mentioned that the University will hire an environmental consultant to look at waste reduction. Mrs. Horton also explained that the University is considering green roofs as well as looking into installing meters on campus to monitor energy use.

6. Housing Study Update

Attorney Patrick Cage reported that the contract to perform the housing study was awarded to The Scion Group. Attorney Cage described The Scion Group as a Chicago based company with a national clientele. He stated that the group has completed the first phase of their survey and the next process is going to be administered to the students in an electronic format to determine the need and feasibility of expanding the residence hall offerings.

Trustee Rozier asked what other organizations have worked with The Scion Group.

Attorney Cage named the following:

- Roosevelt University
- DePaul University
- Satellite Campus of Michigan University
- Northern Illinois University
- University of Illinois at Chicago

7. Other Matters

a. Public Comments

Dr. Philip Beverly, Associate Professor of History, Philosophy & Political Science, suggested that the facilities committee consider naming the academic library. Dr. Beverly also suggested that the university could just purchase \$10 clocks to accommodate the clock management system.

Mr. Orr responded that all clocks are controlled by a clock generator that resides in the Williams Building.

Trustee James pointed out that the residence hall also needs to be named.

8. Adjournment

Trustee Scott moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee James seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.