MINUTES

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Board of Trustees
Business Affairs Committee
February 8, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Safran, chair, Randall Kaplan, David Sprinkle, Martin Weissburg

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS/GUESTS: Keith Ayscue, Kate Barrett, Bonita Brown, Mike Byers, Howard Doyle, Carolyn Ferree, Linda Hiatt, Jill Hillyer, Donna Honeycutt, Scott Milman, Jason Morris, Fred Patrick, Dave Perrin, Jorge Quintal, Steve Rhew, Steve Serck, Terri Shelton, Reade Taylor.

Mr. Kaplan welcomed Mr. Sprinkle to the board and introduced everyone.

PROCEEDINGS: Ms. Safran called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m. The minutes from the November 11, 2010 meeting were approved as distributed.

ACTION ITEM

Traffic and Parking Regulations (BAC-1)

Mr. Byers presented the proposal for a 6% increase in parking fees for the upcoming academic year. This increase is necessary due to falling revenue from the sale of parking permits. As the campus becomes more sustainable with students and staff riding public transportation, fewer permits are sold, but our fixed costs - debt and upkeep - do not decrease. Parking is not a fee, it is a choice and students or staff can opt out of paying by not bringing a vehicle to campus.

Ms. Hiatt asked if the transportation fee subsidized parking. The transportation fee of $47 has not been increased since its inception and is used to subsidize the HEAT and city buses and fund the 'chariot' system of shuttles around campus. These shuttles are increasingly popular, especially at night for safety reasons. HEAT was created by a grant to the city, which originally purchased the buses and added the education routes to the city routes.

Mr. Kaplan moved for approval. Mr. Weissburg seconded with the comment that in face of declining demand, we need to remember that raising prices may not be a viable long-term plan. It is a shift to attempt to dissuade people from buying your product for the good of the community. Mr. Byers advised that in 2006 there was discussion of raising the rates every year to drive people toward public transportation economically. The decision was not to follow that plan. Mr. Weissburg asked that units be added to the matrix for future presentations.

Ms. Safran asked if the transportation plan had been revised from the goal of 27,000 students to a lesser class size. Mr. Byers reported that that information has been factored into the plan and an update of the master plan with the new space on Lee Street is scheduled for the near future.

This action item will be sent forward for the consent agenda of the March 17, 2011 meeting.
INFORMATION ITEM

Report on Architects/Designers Appointed by the Chancellor - BAC-2

Mr. Quintal reported that two items fell under the authorization of the Chancellor due to being under $500,000 in scope set at the November 9, 1995 Board of Trustees meeting.

Chilled Water Planning Study

The campus chilled water plant is nearing capacity with the addition of the seven buildings in the Quad. This study is to identify potential points of failure in the plan and develop a plan for a location and installation of temporary equipment in the event of a major equipment failure.

With a budget of $12,000, the firm of Affiliated Engineers of Chapel Hill was recommended to the Chancellor based on their understanding of our existing system and strategy for future extensions, their familiarity with the original design on the system and subsequent upfits, and their experience within the UNC system as one of the most experienced firms in the state for this type of work.

Programming for Music, Theater and Dance

The project is to complete programming for the new combined School of Music, Theater and Dance. The consultant will work within the departments to determine current and future space needs, configuration, layouts and conceptual plans.

The firm of Holzman Moss Bottino Architecture of New York, NY was recommended to the Chancellor due to their previous programming experience with UNCG through the comprehensive renovation of Aycock Auditorium and the study for the Taylor Theater addition. They are the only team that includes specialist that focus on pre-design services for performance facility programming. The firm is a nationally recognized expert in programming this type of facility with previous expertise in working with other consolidated departments that can be benchmarked against other schools.

Designer Selection for UNCG Mixed Use Village - Housing Phase I - BAC-3

Mr. Quintal reported that the Capital Facilities Foundation (CFF) will construct an 800-bed student housing project within UNCG's new mixed use village. This represents Phase I of the strategic housing plan approved by the Board of Trustees on August 17, 2009. The budget for this project is $50,000,000.

The project was advertised on the NC General Administration website and thirty-two letters of interest were received. Six of these were from Guilford County. Six firms were reviewed and asked for presentation of qualifications. The firm of Lord Aeck Sargent (LAS) of Chapel Hill was selected based on their previous experience working with CFF on the development of the Vision Plan for the Mixed Use Village and their work with the Glenwood neighborhood. LAS has teamed with TFF Architects of Greensboro with experience working with the local agencies. Both firms are located close to the UNCG campus and have familiarity working with UNCG, UNC system and the City of Greensboro. This team has experience in both student housing,
mixed use developments and urban planning. It is the only team currently working on the High Point Road/Lee Street Corridor project for Greensboro.

There was no additional business. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Donna Honeycutt