

Faculty Council  
Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2007

**Present:** Julio de Paula, Dean of the College; Jane Hunter, Associate Dean; Cliff Bekar, Associate Professor of Economics; Ken Clifton, Associate Professor of Biology; Dinah Dodds, Professor of German; Deborah Heath, Associate Professor of Anthropology; and Terri Banasek, Executive Assistant and recorder.

**Excused:** Mervyn Brockett, Assistant to the President.

**Guest:** Houston Dougharty, Dean of Students.

**Announcements:** None.

**Agenda Items:**

1. The minutes of October 18, 2007, were approved. In addition, the minutes of March 22; April 6, 12, and 20; and May 2 and 17, 2007, were approved.
2. Dean de Paula asked that Faculty Council have a final draft of the policy for review of associate professors by November 1 so that it can be presented at the November 7 faculty meeting. Also, Dr. Bekar will draft an email for the Faculty Council to review that will be sent to faculty reporting on the work of the Council this semester.
3. Houston Dougharty joined the meeting to present an overview of what he is requesting for capital projects and capital equipment for 2008. There is \$8-10 million of deferred maintenance and not enough money to address those needs. A group has been meeting from Student Life and Facilities to prioritize needs, and they are looking at health and safety issues. Only half of the residence halls are equipped with sprinklers. In order to do upgrades in those buildings, sprinklers must be installed before building permits are issued (on the floor in question, with a promise to do the rest soon). It will cost \$500,000 to renovate sprinklers in Copeland. There are several buildings that need renovation, particularly Pratt, which will cost at least \$1.8 million. The College in attempting to address the fire sprinkler issue, and there are HVAC and heater issues in several buildings. There is currently a set of projects the group will try to propose for next summer that total of \$1.3 million. There is \$750,000 in projects from last year that did not happen. There is \$6 million of projects that were deferred long-term, including a complete renovation of the rest of Copeland and renovation of Platt.

Mr. Dougharty pointed out that currently, all single rooms cost the same, and all doubles, triples, and quads cost the same, no matter what residence hall they are in. He and Carl Vance are looking at different fee levels. He is concerned about social stratification of students with different costs for different buildings. He is trying to offer everyone an equitable living situation as well as deal with safety issues. He hopes to have everything equipped with sprinklers in the near future.

Dr. Bekar asked if this is part of the capital campaign. Dean de Paula responded that it could

be, but in addition to the housing backlog, there are backlogs all over the campus. The overall deferred maintenance number is \$26 million, and it keeps growing. Mr. Dougharty noted that, unlike other buildings on campus, housing produces revenue. The College went into a significant amount of debt for the apartments. The fee for the apartments was increased by 15 percent this year, and with the increase, there was no waiting list. There are about five empty beds now.

Dean de Paula said that the College will be tackling deferred projects on a one-by-one basis. Some are capital campaign issues. There will have to be a combination of capital campaign funds and operating funds. Mr. Dougharty left the meeting.

4. A current listing of capital equipment request and capital building projects requests, with ranking by Faculty Council members, was distributed. Questions and comments:
  - a. Dr. Dodds was not sure which items were safety issues unless they were so flagged. She believes safety issues should outweigh everything else.
  - b. The Griswold southeast gate is strictly a beautification project. Mr. Yeager thinks he can raise the money from the PAC.
  - c. The forms are filled out inadequately. The Faculty Council needs detail – is this a safety issue? What is the rationale? Are the requests prioritized? What is the basis for the prioritization?

For the capital projects, Faculty Council agreed to the following priority order:

1. Organic teaching labs ventilation
2. Pamplin bleacher replacement
3. Pamplin elevator installation
4. Dust hood of natural science shop
5. renovation of student research space, first floor of Olin
6. Air dryer for Olin
7. Zehntbauer lobby ventilation
8. Covered outdoor batting cage
9. Evans Auditorium and stage entrance doors
10. Pamplin PA system – acoustics and light controls
11. Pamplin 10 technology upgrade
12. Main stage loft space renovation
13. Evans band room sound-rated doors
14. Natural science shop air conditioning

Faculty Council agreed that all of the capital equipment requests should be funded as the budget allows, with the following prioritization:

1. Replace protective helmets
2. Replace ice machine in training room
3. Replace Watzek studio video equipment
4. Replacement of game uniforms

5. Replace dance floor on the Main Stage
6. Replace nine upright pianos
7. Lighting system for greenhouse
8. Volleyball standards
9. Lyophilizer
10. Lab retrofit: DI water system and anti-vibe table
11. 120 stackable chairs for Black Box
12. Replace two treadmills
13. Replace weight plates
14. Upgrade projection equipment in Olin 204
15. Install projection equipment in Miller 209, 305, 319, and 414
16. Nanodrop spectrophotometer
17. Spin bicycles
18. Dartfish Video Analysis lab software
19. Experiment generation software
20. Purchase two new sailboats
21. Upgrade BoDine student study/work area
22. Throw event laser measure device
23. Purchase two new cardio training machines
24. Portable barricades for Griswold Stadium
25. Two-slit interference apparatus
26. Attachment to upgrade existing fluorometer
27. Install presentation equipment in BoDine 300 and Watzek
28. Rowing shells and sculling rigs
29. Real-time PCR thermocycler
30. Indoor golf equipment
31. Pamplin lobby trophy case

5. Faculty Council discussed a request from Mitch Reyes to create the Center for Public Memory.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.