

Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday June 14, 2017

I. Time, Location, and Attendees

- 3:00 – 4:30 P.M. Administrative Center – Brookside Room
- Members present: Cory Beard, Curt Crespino, Lawrence Dreyfus, Sean Grube, Linda Mitchell, Deborah Phillips, Robert Simmons
- Staff Present: Chad Bristow, Patricia Kohlscheen, Karen Lavendusky
- Minutes Recorded by Patricia Kohlscheen

II. Motion to Approve Minutes April 13, 2017

- Curt Crespino motion and Linda Mitchell second the motion to approve the April 13, 2017 minutes. Approved.

III. Space Request

- Cockefair Hall Rooms 14 and 111
 - See attached for background information, justification, and the Request for Space Recommendation.
 - Sean Grube motion and Linda Mitchell second the motion to approve the Space Recommendation for Technology Management Services. Approved.

IV. Flarsheim Hall – Space Allocation for Research and Equipment

- See attached email for background information to discussion.
 - Date: June 1, 2017
 - To: Dean Wayne Vaught, Dean Kevin Truman, Dr. Lawrence Dreyfus
 - From: Robert Simmons
 - Subject: Flarsheim Hall – Space Allocation for Research and Equipment
- Flarsheim Hall has again reached a crisis point regarding the need for research space and the status of several grants.
- Dr. Dreyfus shared the status of the Research Advisory Council.
 - The Research Advisory Council has been in effect for about 4 years
 - The Council is going through a transitional period and is on hold until this fall semester when there will be a reorganization of the Council.
 - The Committee of Institutional Effectiveness and Provost Barbara Bichelmeyer has recommended a change of the Council from a Vice-Chancellor led faculty participating committee to a faculty led committee, with the chair elected by the faculty members, and reporting to the Vice-Chancellor of Research Services.
- Dr. Dreyfus indicated the School of Computing and Engineering is in desperate need of space for a research faculty member who has a couple of NSF Grants for equipment that needs to be set up and run. These grants are seriously underspent and we are in jeopardy of losing those grants.
 - If the grants were lost it would have serious consequence for the University and the researcher.
 - The researcher would have a harder time obtaining future grants.
 - The University would also have a harder time obtaining grants.
 - The University could likely lose a productive faculty researcher.

- It would be harder for the University to recruit future researchers.
 - To lose a grant and/or a researcher would be a negative mark on the reputation of the University in general.
- There could be space available in Flarsheim Hall that is being held by a Chemistry faculty emeritus who hasn't had a research award in seven years.
- This is a space the Chemistry Department would like to hold for future research faculty at the same time we have urgent space needs for an existing faculty member to conduct their work.
- To facilitate the research mission of the institute as best as possible, the Facilities Advisory Committee requested Dr. Dreyfus and Bob Simmons to move forward as follows:
 - We will be pursuing the process outlined below for the longer term evaluation and assignment of research space in Flarsheim Hall. We will hope to have preliminary data ready for an August 10 joint meeting of the FAC and RAC as I had outlined.
 1. The SCE and the College are asked to prepare and submit a summary of their research activities, assigned spaces and perceived needs. This summary should include the following benchmark numbers similar to those prepared by the Paulien space utilization study:
 - a. Total number of Principal Investigators (PI)
 - b. Research Expenditures per PI and per ASF of Research Space
 - c. Number of Graduate Students per PI and per ASF of Research Space
 - d. Number of Post Docs per PI and per ASF of Research Space
 - e. Research Lab ASF per PI
 - f. Filled and Open Research Faculty Positions Currently Budgeted
 2. Campus Facilities Management (CFM) and the Office of Research Services (ORS) will independently verify the above information.
 3. The SCE and the College will be asked to present this information to a joint meeting of the FAC and the RAC.
 4. The FAC and the RAC will seek to develop a consensus opinion on the best path forward for Flarsheim Hall.
 5. If there is a consensus, this would then be presented to campus leadership similar to other space requests. If there is not a consensus, then the same information would be presented to campus leadership for a decision.
- Given the more immediate needs and concerns outlined by Dean Truman and Dr. Dreyfus, we will pursue separately the immediate SCE need for NSF Equipment Grant space that might involve the Flarsheim Hall Room 125 Suite which should be considered by a joint meeting of the parties involved (Deans Truman and Vaught, VC Dreyfus, Assoc. VC Simmons, Dr. Kilway and others as appropriate).
- This process will start immediately and be led by VC Dreyfus.
- This assignment may be considered as a temporary assignment relative to the duration of the NSF Grant, to a campus wide Research Space Policy and to the construction of the SCE Education and Research Building.

V. UMKC FY2017 Campus Master Plan Update

- See attached for presentation.

VI. Additional Items

- When there is a power outage on campus there is no phone or computer access. What is the standard operation practice during an outage? Bob Simmons noted that the minimal time for any power outage to restoration is typically at least an hour. With phone and computer systems down, it is hard to communicate with the campus in general. This situation is going to be addressed in future Emergency Operations discussions and training and some U-Matters communications are planned for the fall semester.
- Emeritus College – Dr. Mitchell express concerns about the reassignment of space currently occupied by the Emeritus College. Bob Simmons shared that Dean Postlethwaite and Dr. Cancilla have been in discussions with Dr. Cromwall with respect to share uses in and around the Emeritus College, but that to his knowledge no space has been taken or reassigned at this point.

VII. Next Meeting

- Next meeting August 10, 2017, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm, ACCF Brookside Room.