

November 25, 2014

Members of the Board Architecture and Design Committee

Don Lowery, Chair
Mitch Morecraft
Shirley Portwood
Joel Sambursky

Dear Members of the Architecture and Design Committee:

There will be a meeting of the Architecture and Design Committee on Thursday, December 11, 2014, immediately following the Finance Committee in Ballroom B in the Student Center, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, IL. The following items have been suggested for the agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes of the October 29, 2014, meeting (enclosure).
2. Project and Budget Approval: School of Dental Medicine Student Lab Renovation, SIUE (Board Agenda Item M).
3. Project and Budget Approval: Bookstore Renovations, Student Center, Carbondale Campus, SIUC (Board Agenda Item N).
4. Project and Budget Approval: Serving Square Improvements, Lentz Hall, Carbondale Campus, SIUC (Board Agenda Item O).
5. Project and Budget Approval: Campus Exterior Lighting and Infrastructure Upgrades, Carbondale Campus, SIUC (Board Agenda Item P).
6. Project and Budget Approval: Parking Lot Renovations, Carbondale Campus, SIUC (Board Agenda Item Q).
7. Award of Contract: Elevator Replacement and Renovations, Life Sciences II, Carbondale Campus, SIUC (Board Agenda Item R).
8. Planning Approval: Founders Hall and Alumni Hall Renovation, SIUE (Board Agenda Item S).
9. Project and Budget Approval: Resurface Circle Drive, SIUE (Board Agenda Item T).

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10. Other business.

Yours truly,

Duane Stucky

Senior Vice President for Financial and Administrative Affairs
and Board Treasurer

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Enclosure

cc: Roger Herrin
Donna Manering
Adrian Miller

Randal Thomas
Marquita Wiley
Randy J. Dunn

Julie Furst-Bowe
Other Interested Parties

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Minutes of the Architecture and Design Committee Meeting

October 29, 2014

The Architecture and Design Committee met following the Finance Committee in the Meridian Ballroom in the Delyte W. Morris University Center, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Edwardsville, IL. Present were: Don Lowery (Chair), Mitch Morecraft, Shirley Portwood and Joel Sambursky. Other Board members present were: Roger Herrin, Donna Manering, Adrian Miller, Randal Thomas and Marquita Wiley. Executive Officers present were: President Randy J. Dunn; Interim Chancellor Paul Sarvela, SIUC; Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe, SIUE; Interim General Counsel Lucas Crater; Special Assistant to the President John S. Haller, Jr., and Senior Vice President for Financial and Administrative Affairs and Board Treasurer Duane Stucky.

Minutes

Trustee Portwood recommended approval of the minutes of the July 24, 2014, meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Morecraft and passed by the Committee.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets (joint discussion with Finance Committee) (Board Agenda Item L).

This matter was discussed during the Finance Committee meeting.

Operating and Capital RAMP Guidelines and Executive Summary: Resource Allocation and Management Program (RAMP) Planning, Operations, and Capital Budget Request, Fiscal Year 2016 (joint discussion with Finance and Academic Matters Committees) (Board Agenda Item M).

This matter was discussed during the Academic Matters Committee meeting.

Project and Budget Approval: Elevator Replacement and Renovations, Life Sciences II, Carbondale Campus, SIUC (Board Agenda Item N).

Approval to Select: General Site Construction Services Associated with Remodeling and Maintenance Projects, Carbondale Campus, SIUC (Board Agenda Item O).

Approval to Select: General Plumbing Construction Services Associated with Remodeling and Maintenance Projects, Carbondale Campus, SIUC (Board Agenda Item P).

Approval to Select: General Heating and Cooling Construction Services Associated with Remodeling and Maintenance Projects, Carbondale Campus, SIUC (Board Agenda Item Q).

Approval to Select: General Insulating Construction Services Associated with Remodeling and Maintenance Projects, Carbondale Campus, SIUC (Board Agenda Item R).

Approval to Select: General Roofing Construction Services Associated with Remodeling and Maintenance Projects, Carbondale Campus, SIUC (Board Agenda Item S).

Interim Chancellor Sarvela introduced SIUC Plant and Service Operations Director Phil Gatton, who provided an overview of the SIUC Construction Services division and reviewed the matters.

Trustee Sambursky recommended approval of the matters. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Portwood and passed by the Committee.

Information Item: Stone Center Repairs

President Dunn reviewed some options for long-term space for the SIU System offices. One option would be to invest monies in Stone Center for improvements and renovations to meet code requirements, whether the guest rooms are maintained or the space is converted to offices. Another option would be occupying some vacant space on Greek Row. Action on the campus' request to raze three buildings was set aside for an evaluation of costs to bring some buildings up to code as student residences or office space. The Board was provided cost information on Wednesday for options on space for the System office at Stone Center and on Greek Row. At some point, there will be a need to move from the status quo. This may include removing some of the buildings on Greek Row if the space will not be used. Stone Center was originally constructed to be a residence, and there is a need to address code requirements, security, conferencing and other issues in thinking toward the future needs for the System office at that location. President Dunn's optimal approach would be to have a facility in Carbondale that would allow all Carbondale-based System employees to be housed at one site. This would involve moving staff from older houses on Chautauqua and Internal Audit staff recently relocated to Thalman Hall. Another cheaper alternative, since the time frame is open, may be to wait until the Carbondale campus moves some of its business services to Woody Hall in a few years, freeing up some Greek Row buildings that have already been somewhat remodeled.

Trustee Sambursky asked about the importance of having Stone Center maintain the guest facilities and whether there is a cost savings to converting solely to office space. As to the value of the guest rooms, President Dunn replied that they are a nice luxury but not a necessity for the System and that significant increases in money will be required to get Stone Center up to code to maintain the guest rooms. In response to a question by Trustee Herrin, President Dunn confirmed that sprinklers may be needed regardless of the future use of the space. The extent of renovations will depend on whether the space will be used for guest rooms or offices, and there is an anticipation of converting solely to office space at some future point. A possibility may be to use the Great Room - which currently gets a fair amount of community use – as office space with cubicles. Several employees under Senior Vice President Stucky utilize space in an area known as “the garage” which is a less-than-optimal situation. President Dunn reiterated that no decisions need to be made immediately, noting that some trustees have expressed concern about keeping this discussion moving forward. Trustee Lowery stated that the Board started looking at the long-term usage of Stone Center a year ago when they were discussing eliminating housing allowances for the President and Chancellors. Trustee Lowery mentioned that he has toured the buildings under review with President Dunn and Director Gatton and suggested that the full Board look at the buildings, along with Southern Hills, after reviewing the Engineering report and costs provided to the Board regarding remodeling Greek Row and Stone Center for residential or office use. He expressed his desire to provide a long-term physical location for the President’s office and associated services and to move staff out of older houses around campus to improve operations and campus aesthetics. Trustee Sambursky applauded the A&D Committee and President Dunn for this background work. He stated the need to be cognizant of the University’s budgetary situation in weighing the cost of maintaining the guest rooms against their convenience.

President Dunn stated the desire to avoid additional controversy about Stone Center that arose from its original construction and naming, so any plans will need to proceed with careful budgetary caution. He restated that he does not have a great vested interest in any one approach but that there is a need to continue this conversation.

Trustee Thomas also thanked the A&D Committee. He mentioned that the President has not yet hired a University Architect, and he would like to see that position filled before making final decisions. President Dunn stated that the University Architect search has not been closed but has been put on hold. The first round in the search showed a need to increase the candidate pool and entertain other applications. The timing of proceeding with this search will be at the Board’s discretion.

Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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