Council of Built Environment (CBE)
November 23, 2010

Minutes—approved Jan. 11, 2011

I. Meeting called to order by Tom Taylor (1:33 p.m.)

A. Voting members present: Jorge Vanegas, Kate Miller, Clint Magill, Mladen Kezunovic, Drew Shelnutt, Jeff Seemann, Joe Weber, Bill Dugas, Jeannie Laird

B. Voting Members Absent: Konrad Johnson

C. Non-voting members present (voting FY2012): Scott Bowen

D. Ex-Officio Members Attending: Karan Watson, Tom Taylor, B. J. Crain, Kevin Hurley, Lallah Howard, James Massey, David Woodcock, Deborah Wright

II. Approval of November 9, 2010 minutes as submitted

III. Briefing from Deferred Maintenance Task Force—presentation by Dr. H. Russell Cross

A. Highlighted the components of the Deferred Maintenance Task Force Executive Summary—provided to the CBE prior to the meeting.

B. Discussion concerning the statement “…the DMTF recommends that a policy of No Net New Space be adopted”.

1. Concerns that someone takes this statement as final authority.
   a. Fundraising for equine center, but has net square footage gain—wouldn’t be prudent to tear down existing structure.
   b. BSL2 or BSL3 funding for specialized facility—wouldn’t be necessary to tear down BSL3 facility when it could be used for another type lab.
   c. Suggestion made to implement a policy of no net new space, if using state funds.
   d. Suggestion made to set up categories of space and replace by space category.

2. DMTF didn’t intend for this statement to be a concrete rule—DMTF will revise statement to provide some flexibility.

C. Transitional buildings —no additional money will be spent for maintenance except for things that must be done in order for building to continue being occupied.
D. The Capital Project Process in the draft document included a Facilities Services Advisory Team which reviewed potential projects before they went to the CBE Maintenance Sub-Council. It was determined that the Facilities Services Advisory Team was duplicative and, therefore, unnecessary.

**Action/Recommendation:** The CBE Maintenance Sub-Council membership will be reviewed to ensure that it has the appropriate membership.

**Responsible Parties:** Karan Watson and Tom Taylor

E. Fundamental culture about space needs must change—cannot solve problem only by funding deferred maintenance.

F. DMTF will be finalizing report, but wanted this chance for CBE to provide feedback on the executive summary. CBE will be forwarded a copy of the full report when it is completed.

G. Additional comments ~ submit to Lallah Howard or Russell Cross

IV. ROTC Request to reclaim classrooms in Military Science Building to be used for U. S. Army funded “Battle Lab”—update provided by James Massey (Facilities Utilization Sub-Council Chair)

A. Facilities Utilization Sub-Council not ready for recommendation to the CBE ~ will have representatives from ROTC and Liberal Arts present at their next meeting on December 3, 2010.

B. Colonel Mike Gibler was present and provided information for the “Battle Lab”

1. “Battle Lab” will have 16 computers and proprietary government equipment.

2. TAMU was chosen as a pilot training program which includes approximately $5,000 funding.

3. Computer simulation would need to be up and running as soon as possible to benefit ROTC students commissioning in the spring.

C. Sub-Council will look at other options for this project, if it is determined not to be in the best interest of TAMU to displace current classes. The sub-council will consider proximity and is striving to promote fairness in their decisions.

**Action/Recommendation:** Sub-Council plans to make a recommendation at the next CBE meeting—scheduled for December 15, 2010.

**Responsible Party:** Facilities Utilization Sub-Council

V. Joint Library Storage Facility at Riverside—update from David Woodcock, chair of Design Review Sub-Council

A. This project was approved by CBE on August 3, 2007 with site location adjacent to original 1940’s headquarters building.
B. Proposed alternate site was reviewed by Design Review, Technical and Facilities Utilization Sub-Council chairs on November 19, 2010 at Riverside Campus.

C. Proposed location for these three (3) warehouses will be visible from Highway 47 and reinforces historic warehouse area. Location is on Warehouse Road across from 1950s warehouses.

D. David Woodcock stated that Charles Gilreath has approved the proposed location for these three warehouses to be built.

E. Design Review Sub-Council recommended approval of this change in location to the CBE. The recommendation includes a Site B location to be used if the gas meters are within 3 ft. of the building and the meters cannot feasibly be relocated.

F. Drew Shelnutt moved that CBE approve and Bill Dugas seconded the motion. CBE voted unanimously to approve the location site with the understanding that, if the gas meter cannot be feasibly moved, Site B will be used for the warehouses.

**Action/Recommendation:** CBE will send letter to Dr. Loftin recommending his approval for this proposed location.

**Responsible Parties:** Karan Watson and Tom Taylor