November 4, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. R. Bowen Loftin
    President

SUBJECT: Recommendation from the Council of Built Environment: Transfer of Horticulture Gardens Building #3171 and #3172 from Horticulture Department to Facilities Services' Landscape Operation

At its October 11, 2011 meeting, the Council of Built Environment reviewed a request from Dr. Mark Hussey, Dean of Agriculture & Life Sciences, and Dr. Rodney McClendon, Vice President for Administration, to transfer two horticulture buildings from Horticultural Gardens to Landscape Services. The Department of Horticultural Sciences will no longer have the personnel and resources to maintain building 3171 (530 Floriculture Rd.) and building 3172 (520 Floriculture Rd.), along with portions of the garden area. Landscape Services is interested in using these two buildings for offices and training facilities. This transfer will also help to encourage interaction between the Department of Horticultural Sciences personnel in adjacent facilities and the staff of the Landscape Services' unit.

Facilities Utilization Review Sub-Council reviewed the proposal and by general consent, recommended that CBE support the transfer request. The sub-council indicated that the buildings are in good condition and based on the needs of Landscape Services, the transfer will be beneficial to both departments.

CBE unanimously voted to approve the request to transfer Horticulture Gardens Building #3171 and #3172 from the Horticultural Department to Facilities Services' Landscape Operation and recommends approval by the President.

R. Bowen Loftin
President

cc: Members, Council of Built Environment
    Dr. Mark Hussey
    Dr. Rodney McClendon
September 19, 2011

TO: Co-Chairs, Council on the Built Environment (CBE)  
Dr. Karan Watson, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academics  
Dr. Rodney McClendon, Vice President for Administration

THROUGH: Dr. Mark Hussey  
Dean of Agriculture & Life Sciences  
Dr. Rodney P. McClendon  
Vice President for Administration

FROM: Dr. Sandy Pierson  
Interim Department Head  
Horticultural Sciences  
Mr. James Massey  
Interim Senior Associate Vice President  
Facilities

SUBJECT: Transfer of 2 buildings at the Horticultural Gardens to Landscape Services

Due to the up-coming budget cuts and reduction-in-force of personnel, the TAMU Department of Horticultural Sciences has been discussing the potential for transferring buildings 3171 (530 Floriculture Rd.) and 3172 (520 Floriculture Rd.), along with portions of the garden area, to Physical Plant’s Landscape Services unit for use as office and training facilities. The Department of Horticultural Sciences will no longer have the personnel and resources to maintain these buildings and portions of the garden area. This transfer will also help to encourage interaction between the Dept. of Horticultural Sciences personnel in adjacent facilities and the staff of the Landscape Services unit. We have been in contact with Mr. Tom Dew, Assistant Director for Landscape Services, regarding their potential interest in these facilities.

The transfer of Buildings 3171 (530 Floriculture Rd.) and 3172 (520 Floriculture Rd.), along with portions of the garden area has been agreed upon by both parties and therefore, this request is being submitted to CBE.

CC: Dr. Michael Arnold  
Professor, Horticulture  

Mr. Rod Weis  
Executive Director, Facilities Services  

Mr. Tom Dew  
Assistant Director, Landscape Services
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To: Dr. Karan Watson
   Chair, Council for the Built Environment

   Dr. Rodney McClendon
   Chair, Council for the Built Environment

Subject: Property Transfer: Horticulture Gardens Buildings #3171 and #3172

RECOMMENDATION

By general consent, the Council for the Built Environment’s (CBE) Facilities Utilization Review sub-committee (FURsc) recommends that the CBE support the request by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to transfer two buildings, currently assigned to the Horticulture Department, to the Department of Facilities Services’ Landscape Operation.

SCOPE & ANALYSIS

As described in the attached September 19, 2011 letter, due to up-coming budget cuts, the Horticulture Department will no longer have the personnel and resources to maintain these buildings and portions of the garden area. They have proposed the transfer of the buildings to the use and management of the Landscape operation of the Department of Facilities Services. The latter is supportive of this action.

The FURsc indicated that the buildings are in good condition and based on the needs of the Landscape Operations, the transfer will be beneficial.

We are pleased to offer this recommendation and welcome further inquiries related to this analysis.

Sincerely,

James Massey
Chairman, CBE-Facilities Utilization Review sub-council
Interim Associate Vice President for Facilities

Attachments
CC: CBE-FURsc members

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James, we have assessed the need for these facilities and determined that we can use them in our Landscape operations.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Rod

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Jo,

We are aware of the potential proposal. Now that it has been formalized, Rod/Facilities Services will assess the need and our use. We will provide a recommendation soon.

Thanks,

James
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