April 3, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. R. Bowen Loftin
President

SUBJECT: CBE Recommendation: Construction of Bicycle Parking at Halbouty Building

At its February 14, 2012 meeting, the Council on the Built Environment discussed a request from Dr. Kate Miller for the construction of new bicycle parking between the Halbouty and Reed-McDonald buildings. The new bicycle parking will quadruple the capacity of the current single rack—and the old racks will be removed. The project should improve attractiveness of the Halbouty main entrance, improve pedestrian traffic flow, and provide an unobstructed passage for handicapped individuals.

The Design Review Sub-Council (DRsc) reviewed the proposal and reported to CBE that the College of Geosciences had coordinated this request with Transportation Services. DRsc believes the increased use of bicycles on campus establishes the need for a campus-wide holistic plan for aesthetically appropriate bicycle storage areas that meet approved design standards and the proposal appears to meet such considerations. DRsc recommends the construction of additional bicycle parking at the Halbouty Building as proposed.

The Technical Review Sub-Council (TRsc) reviewed the proposal and found no issues. TRsc supports the request and recommends approval.

CBE unanimously voted to recommend the President's approval for the construction of new bicycle parking outside the Halbouty Building.

Karan L. Watson  4-6-12
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Co-Chair, Council on the Built Environment

Rodney P. McClendon  4-4-12
Vice President for Administration
Co-Chair, Council on the Built Environment

Recommendation Approved:

R. Bowen Loftin  4/9/12
President

cc: Sub-Council Chairs, Council on the Built Environment
Dr. Kate Miller
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr Karan Watson, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs  
    Dr Rodney McClendon, Vice President for Administration

FROM: Dr Kate C. Miller, Dean, College of Geosciences

RE: Bicycle parking and curb appeal at the Halbouty Building

The College of Geosciences proposes to build new bicycle parking at the Halbouty Building. This would quadruple the capacity of the current single rack; remove a blemish from our Ross Street façade; and improve pedestrian traffic flow and handicapped access.

Currently, cyclists approaching from Ross Street are served by one broken rack with a capacity for 18 bikes. The rack is at the east end of our main entrances. It is inadequate to the demand, with the daily result of bikes being chained to handicapped ramp rails, trees, and light poles, or left in pedestrian pathways.

The College proposes new bicycle parking between Halbouty and Reed-McDonald (see attached figures). This will entail laying a concrete slab in the weedy strip between the building and the sidewalk. Transportation Services will install up to seven racks, allowing for up to 84 bicycles. Mulch will cover the unpaved margin of the slab. In time, the hedge across the front of Halbouty will screen the racks from Ross Street.

The new bicycle parking area will be just around the corner from the direct entrance to our Geology teaching labs. As a result our students will no longer have to circumnavigate the building to reach their labs. We expect this will alleviate some traffic flow elsewhere in the building, as well.

With the new racks, the old one at the front will be removed. This will improve the attractiveness of our main entrance, alleviate pedestrian traffic flow, and ensure unobstructed passage for handicapped individuals.

Together with the exterior refinishing received that the Halbouty Building received last year and the nearly-completed restoration of Ross Street, we believe that our plan, will both remove an unsightly bicycle parking situation while enhancing service to our students and staff.

Further questions about this proposal may be directed to Ms. Maureen Reap in my office. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Attachments.
Proposed bike racks to be installed between Halbouty and Reed-McDonald.
MEMORANDUM

TO:    Dr. Karan Watson  
       Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

       Dr. Rodney McClendon  
       Vice President for Administration

FROM:  Prof. David Woodcock  
       Chair, Design Review Sub-Council

DATE:  January 26, 2012

RE:    Design Review Sub-Council Report
       Bicycle Parking and Curb Appeal at Halbouty Building

On January 18, 2012 the Design Review sub-council (DRsc) reviewed a request the
College of Geosciences for additional parking at Halbouty Building. Old bicycle racks
located near the main entrance would be removed and new racks installed between
Halbouty and Reed-McDonald. This requires the addition of a concrete slab between
Halbouty building and the existing sidewalk. The College of Geosciences is coordinating
this request with Transportation Services.

The DRsc believes that the increased use of bicycles on campus establishes the need
for a campus-wide holistic plan for aesthetically appropriate bicycle storage areas that
meet approved design standards. Such a plan should be coordinated with utility
infrastructure locations. The proposal for the Halbouty building appears to meet
such considerations and is recommended for approval as presented.

cc:    Maureen Reap
       DRsc Members
       Jo Williams
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Karan Watson  
    Provost and Executive Vice President  
    Dr. Rodney McClendon  
    Vice President for Administration

DATE: February 9, 2012

SUBJECT: Bicycle parking at the Halbouty Building

The College of Geosciences has been working with Transportation Services to build new bicycle parking at the Halbouty Building.

The College proposes new bicycle parking between Halbouty and Reed-McDonald. This will entail laying a new concrete slab. Transportation Services will install up to seven racks, allowing for up to 84 bicycles.

As the new racks are installed, old ones will be removed. This will improve the attractiveness of the main entrance, alleviate pedestrian traffic flow, and ensure unobstructed passage for handicapped individuals.

Recommendation
The CBE Technical Review Sub-council supports the proposed addition of bicycle parking outside the Halbouty Building.

Attachments
Xc: Technical Review Sub-council  
    Jo Williams, Executive Assistant to the Vice President