June 20, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. R. Bowen Loftin

SUBJECT: CBE Recommendation: Amateur Radio Portable Building Request

At its June 11th meeting, the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) reviewed a request from the Texas A&M Amateur Radio Club. Established in 1912, the Amateur Radio Club is the oldest student organization on campus. The club was displaced as a result of the MSC Renovations and has been housed with Telecommunications in the interim period. The club requests that a modular facility, portable building 8900, currently located at the Grove, be relocated to the old horticulture gardens, north of the telecom building and in close proximity of their recently installed antennae to house their organization.

The Facilities Utilization Review Sub-Council (FURsc) recommended approval of the request and noted that if not used, the portable building will be sent to surplus.

The Technical Review Sub-Council (TRsc) recommended approval provided the following concerns are addressed and funded:

CIS Networking: project budget must cover the cost for (1) installation of fiber optic cable and associated conduit to connect the portable building; and, (2) installation of at least one data network.

Utilities & Energy Services:
existing utilities in the area must be protected and a minimum of eight feet of clearance from buried lines and 15 feet from overhead electrical lines need to be maintained;
if new utility connections are required (DCW, ELE, SS) current UES standard metering will need to be installed;
the swing path of the 84-foot tall telescoping tower will need to be clearly defined to ensure that contact cannot be made with existing overhead electrical services.

University Police Department:
adequate exterior lighting is needed for the paved walk leading to the building and the paved walks next to the building.

Facilities Services: condensate drainage from building 3196 needs to be rerouted so that it does not interfere with this project. It is preferable to route this drainage to a sanitary sewer. The condensate drains from the air conditioning units of the building also need to be routed to a sanitary sewer. If the portable building is not connected to potable water and sanitary sewer, the plumbing fixtures in the building need to be made inaccessible to prevent usage by someone who may think the fixtures are available for use. Also, storm water runoff should be considered, and features added as needed to prevent additional runoff burden on the creeks.

Environment Health & Safety:
the building will need a battery operated smoke detector. The building may not be used by the occupants for sleeping.
CBE voted unanimously to recommend the President’s approval to permit the relocation of portable building $900 from the Grove to the former horticulture gardens for the purpose of housing the Amateur Radio Club provided the above considerations are addressed and funded.

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

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

R. Bowen Loftin
President

cc: Sub-Council Chairs, Council on the Built Environment
Mr. Tom Reber, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
Mr. Paul Schattenberg, President W5AC
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Karan Watson
    Provost and Executive Vice President

    Dr. Rodney McClendon
    Vice President for Administration

THROUGH: LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret)
    Vice President for Student Affairs

FROM: Tom Reber
      Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

      Paul Schattenberg
      President, WSAC

DATE: Apr 9, 2013

SUBJECT: Relocation of portable building

In existence since 1912, the Texas A&M Amateur Radio Club is the oldest student organization on our campus.

The club has moved its operation many times since its inception, most recently in 2009, when the Memorial Student Center closed. Dr. Elsa Murano, who was president of Texas A&M at the time, asked us to accommodate all groups displaced by the renovation.

WSAC relocated to the telecommunications building adjacent to the Becky Gates Children's Center and the Horticulture Gardens. CBE gave permission last year for the club to locate an 84-foot telescoping tower with a fold-over base to hold the club's antennas.

Their operations room was relocated to the Telecommunications Suite, which is proctored by Dr. Walt Mangussen. This agreement was meant to be temporary, lasting until all space was leased out, and the club could locate a portable building.

After meeting with Mr. Davis Morrison, the club has identified one of the small portable buildings from the Grove. They have also met with Dr. Mangussen to identify a site in close proximity to their antenna and his building, understanding that if permission is granted to move the portable building to that location, the club will work with SSC to properly prep the site and run the necessary utilities.

If all goes as planned, work will be completed by August 1, 2013.

Thank you for taking the time to review our request, and we look forward to speaking to the subcouncils in the very near future.
MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Karan Watson
   Chair, Council for the Built Environment

   Dr. Rodney McClendon
   Chair, Council for the Built Environment

Subject: Proposed Relocation of Portable Building for TAMU Amateur Radio Club

RECOMMENDATION
The Council for the Built Environment’s (CBE) Facilities Utilization Review sub-committee (FURsc) recommends that the CBE support the request to assign the small Grove Modular facility to the Texas A&M Amateur Radio Club. The modular buildings are proposed to be moved from their current site at the Grove to a site north of Hensel Drive, in proximity to the Telecommunications complex. FURsc agrees that the space size and location is appropriate.

SCOPE
The FURsc met this morning to consider the request by the student run Amateur Radio Club to be assigned the small modular facility to meet their space needs. The Club’s use of the MSC was displaced during the recent renovation, and they were moved to Telecommunication complex space, north of Hensel Drive. Telecommunication is now in need of the Club’s space and has asked that they find an alternative location. The modular facilities in the Grove are currently not in use and the University is making plans to remove them prior to the opening of the Wellborn Grade Separation project in August.

The FURsc concurs that the Club’s current space is too small and that the smaller modular facility is a good solution as it would provide the level of space needed.

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

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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

CC: CBE-FURsc members
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS  
Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs

MEMORANDUM

TO:  
Dr. Karan Watson  
Provost and Executive Vice President

Dr. Rodney McClendon  
Vice President for Administration

FROM:  
Tom Rober  
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

DATE:  
May 2, 2013

SUBJECT:  
CBE TRsc Recommendation: Amateur Radio portable building

On April 22, 2013, Mr. Paul Schattenberg, president of WSAC, presented to the CBE Technical Review Sub-council on Amateur Radio’s request to relocate the group’s operations room from the Telecommunications Suite to one of the small portable buildings from the Grove. The club met with Dr. Walt Mangussen to identify a site for the building close to their antenna and Telecommunications and agreed to work with SSC to properly prep the site and run the necessary utilities.

Recommendation
The Technical Review Sub-council supports the move and recommends approval, provided the following concerns are addressed and funded.

CIS Networking
Cost for 1) installation of fiberoptic cable and associated conduit to connect the portable building and 2) installation of at least one data network connection should be included in the project budget.

Utilities & Energy Services
UES supports the relocation of portable building 8900 from the Grove to a new site north of the telecom building in the old horticulture gardens.

- Existing utilities in the area must be protected and a minimum of 8 feet of clearance from buried lines and 15 feet from overhead electrical needs to be maintained.
- If new utility connections are required (DCW,ELE,SS) current UES standard metering will need to be installed.
- The swing path of the 84 foot tall telescoping tower will need to be clearly defined to ensure that contact cannot be made with existing overhead electrical services.

University Police Department
Adequate exterior lighting is needed for the paved walk leading to the building and the paved walks next to the building.
Facilities Services
Facilities Services supports this project. The condensate drainage from building 3196 needs to be rerouted so that it does not interfere with this project. It is preferable to route this drainage to a sanitary sewer. The condensate drains from the air conditioning units of the portable building also need to be routed to a sanitary sewer. If the portable building is not connected to potable water and sanitary sewer, the plumbing fixtures in the building need to be made inaccessible to prevent usage by someone who may think the fixtures are available for use. Also, storm water runoff should be considered, and features added as needed to prevent additional runoff burden on the creeks.

Environmental Health & Safety
The building will need a battery operated smoke detector. The building may not be used by the occupants for sleeping.

Xc: CBE Technical Review Sub-council
Patti Urbine

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Tom Reber
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
Chair, CBE Technical Review Sub-council