



General Faculties Council  
Facilities Development Committee  
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, January 24, 2013  
Room 3-07, South Academic Building  
1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

**ATTENDEES:**

Voting Members:

Colleen Skidmore	Provost and Vice-President (Academic) (Delegate)
Andy Cheema	Students' Union Vice-President (Academic) (Delegate)
Naseeb Adnan	Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic) (Delegate)
Bart Becker	Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) (Delegate)
Elisabeth Le	Academic Staff
Erasmus Okine	Academic Staff
Shannon O'Byrne	Academic Staff
Phil Haswell	Support Staff
Loren Kline	Academic Staff, Cross-Representative from GFC Academic Planning Committee

Non-Voting Members:

Ben Louie	University Architect
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Presenter(s):

Bart Becker	Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Ben Louie	University Architect and Director, Office of the University Architect
Colleen Skidmore	Associate Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee

Staff:

Garry Bodnar	Coordinator, GFC Facilities Development Committee
Andrea Patrick	Scribe

**OPENING SESSION**

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: O'Byrne/Le

<p>THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Agenda.</p>	<b>CARRIED</b>
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2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of December 20, 2012

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Haswell/O'Byrne

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Minutes of December 20, 2012.

**CARRIED**

3. Comments from the Chair

There were no comments from the Chair.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4. South Campus: Sustainability Pillars

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenters:* Bart Becker, Associate Vice President (Facilities and Operations); Ben Louie, University Architect and Director, Office of the University Architect

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To provide members of GFC FDC an opportunity to review and discuss the goals, challenges, and opportunities for each of the seven sustainability pillars that underpin the Sector Plans of South Campus and the proposed amendment to the 2002 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP).

*Discussion:*

The Chair invited Mr Becker to introduce the seven sustainability pillars of the Sector Plans of South Campus. Aided by a PowerPoint presentation, Mr Becker explained that the strategy relating to energy on South Campus will include utilizing the latest technologies while allowing methods to adapt for growth and development of new technologies; using the most efficient energy; and maintaining a vision of carbon neutrality. He discussed the usage of solar and thermal energy endeavors in terms of the Sector Plans of South Campus.

He continued the presentation by discussing waste and waste water management. He reported that another consideration was storm water management, in relation to existing and planned wetlands, water tables, bioswales and storm ponds natural to the area.

He commented on the ecology and environment of the area. He stated that there are numerous ways for animals, buildings, land, nature, and people to co-exist and benefit each other within an effectively-planned urban ecology.

Mr Louie reported on issues surrounding transportation around the area of South Campus.

Mr Louie continued by noting that the focus of South Campus will be student life and education and that the design strategy will utilize a "mixed-use" approach to planning.

Mr Louie concluded his part of the presentation by stating that a healthy and complete community revolves around livability, adding that the focus will include maintaining existing community gardens and developing more. There will also be efforts to create clearly-defined focal points on the South Campus, which will promote connectivity among students, staff, faculty, and members of local communities. He stated that there will be efforts to encourage active living on South Campus.

Mr Becker added that community engagement has been a large element of the development of South Campus, and one of the suggestions from the wider community was sustainability. A working document was created from these meetings, and this, in turn, contributed to the creation of the pillars.

During the ensuing discussion, members expressed a number of comments and questions in relation to this, including, but not limited to: energy needs at South Campus; building types being considered; student transportation issues; LRT access considerations; possible additional pillars; the placement of buildings within South Campus; feedback from neighboring communities; and how these plans compare to those being deployed by other Canadian universities.

Dr Skidmore noted that the breadth and depth of work that has gone into this project is excellent, and she thanked the presenters for their continued efforts regarding this important initiative.

5. Project Update from the Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)

There were no documents.

*Presenter:* Bart Becker, Associate Vice-President, Facilities and Operations

*Purpose of the Proposal:* For information/discussion.

Mr Becker noted the following updates:

- East Campus Village: Progress continues to move forward.
- Physical Activity and Wellness (PAW) Centre: Construction is underway.
- Balmoral Facility: This project is almost complete and occupants are moving in.
- Michener Park: Proposals are now being accepted from consultants. Public forums are being planned.
- Dentistry/Pharmacy Building: Progress continues with discussion surrounding interior renovations.
- Butterdome: Assessments concerning the replacement of rusting panels is ongoing; Facilities and Operations is taking a "blank canvas" approach to look at opportunities to address other building concerns at the same time.
- Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (ECHA) Pedway: It will be open to the public after Easter, 2013. In the spring, the green space between the Research Transition Facility (RTF) building and the Edmonton Clinic will be developed.

A member added a comment about the renovations occurring within the Dentistry/Pharmacy Building, and another member updated members on the progress of the Students' Union Building (SUB) renovations.

6. Question Period

A member enquired about the usage of the campus color mapping system.

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

7. Items Approved by the GFC Facilities Development Committee by E-Mail Ballots

There were no items.

8. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

**CLOSING SESSION**

9. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.