

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REVIEW MEETING / OCTOBER 6, 2015**

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MEETING START TIME: 1:30 p.m.  
 MEETING END TIME: 3:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Craig Weisensel	Division of Facilities Development	Val Schute	River Architects
Bob Hetzel	UW-La Crosse	Mike Adler	River Architects
Doug Pearson	UW-La Crosse	Jeff Kocinski	SmithGroupJJR
Bruce Riley	UW-La Crosse	Deborah Nemeth	SmithGroupJJR
		Tony LoBello	SmithGroupJJR
		Ross Pinski	SmithGroupJJR

**NOTES:**

1. Project Schedule Review:
  - a. Revised laboratory plans and elevations to be provided to the users for final review and comment. Depending on the outcome of this meeting and the following meeting with the Design Committee, the drawings may need further updates. It is anticipated that the lab plans and elevations will be provided by the middle to end of next week.
  - b. Craig Weisensel made the following comments regarding the project schedule:
    - MEP bid date tentatively scheduled for February 25, 2016.
    - GPC bid date tentatively scheduled for March 3, 2016.
2. Bruce Riley commented that the concern raised over the use of Cowley Hall 308 for Medical Mycology will remain an open issue. This lab will be included in the programming of Phase 2 as planned. Use of this lab will need to be verified in greater detail due to exhaust issues.
3. A list of open issues were reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
  - a. Laboratory Equipment:
    - Existing autoclave model numbers to be provided by the user groups.
    - Existing drying oven model numbers to be provided by the user groups.
  - b. Ice Makers:
    - Quantity and location of ice makers to be verified with the user groups.
  - c. Badger Street/Project Overlap:
    - Craig Weisensel to schedule a meeting between the project design teams. The contractor at the New Student Center is allowed to use the parking lot until September 2016.
  - d. Fire Department Review:
    - Doug Pearson and River Architects have tried to contact the La Crosse Fire Department. Efforts to date have been unsuccessful.
4. A list of closed issues were reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
  - a. The exterior pad mounted switch gear needs to be removed and relocated closer to Wimberly Hall. Scope of work includes construction of new electrical ductbank. The design team did not have this

work included in their scope of services. At the previous Executive Committee meeting, Bob Hetzel mentioned that this could be a separate project funded by the campus.

5. The emergency generator was reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
  - a. Current design includes (3) 350kw natural gas generators located in the southeast corner of the basement. 1,600sf of additional basement is required to create this area and will add cost to the project. Additional areawells to serve the generator room are also necessary.
  - b. Current design provides emergency power to service the emergency exhaust air necessary for all the fume hoods in the building at 100% air flow. DFD has questioned if 50% of the hoods would be more practical.
  - c. The Executive Committee would like to capture the remaining unexcavated space as unfinished basement space. This additional 3,000sf will add cost to the project. Craig Weisensel was supportive of this idea and recommends proceeding with this included in the design.
  
6. The site design was reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
  - a. Comments provided by DFD and UW-L from the Preliminary Design submittal have been incorporated into the current site design.
  - b. Bob Hetzel asked what height the precast benches were. Ross Pinski commented that the benches are 18"-24" tall. The precast benches and curbs will be the same color and finish as the building precast.
  - c. Trees proposed are not as dense and will allow sunlight to pass through. 50 year view shown in renderings.
  - d. A depression at the coping joints in the precast will provide a skateboard deterrent.
  - e. Doug Pearson noted that the snow removal crew has reviewed the site drawings and commented as needed.
  - f. Ross Pinski noted that there will be some plant diversity within the bioretention areas per DFD review comments.
  - g. Campus standard bike rack and bench will be specified.
  - h. Bob Hetzel expressed a concern regarding the pavers and recommends following the pavers specified at the New Student Center. Paver samples will be reviewed with campus and coordinated with architectural precast concrete.
  - i. Primary sign proposed at the northeast corner at the intersection of Badger Street and East Avenue. The masonry base to be provided by the contractor.
  - j. A secondary sign to be used near the west entrance and will likely be replaced with a primary sign as part of Phase 2.
  - k. Plantings were reviewed and accepted as proposed.
  
7. The interior design was reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
  - a. Bob Hetzel commented that the colors proposed for the restroom floors and walls are too similar and he'd like to see an accent, possibly in the wall paint.
  - b. ADA height counter proposed at the lobby counter.
  - c. Doug Pearson commented that wood veneer should not be used at the counters or benches. Solid surface, solid or reclaimed solid wood preferred.
  - d. The table height at the collaborative niches were discussed. The design currently provides sitting height tables, but a combination of sitting and stand-up height tables will be considered.
  - e. Power to be provided at the counters in the corridors.
  - f. Maple color similar to Centennial Hall to be used.
  - g. Doug Pearson commented that UW-L has a preference for the color of the data cabling.
  - h. Acceptable equals to the basis of design materials were reviewed and accepted by the committee.

8. The portals into the teaching and research labs were discussed. The following items were noted:
  - a. A full-height wall cap with an integral color that is a close match to the campus maroon to be used.
9. Instructional lab technology was reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
  - a. Bob Hetzel noted that it is important that the faculty see the teaching podium design.
  - b. Bob added that the SMART podium appears to be hanging to the side and could be an issue.
  - c. Providing adequate demonstration space on the top of the teaching podium is critical to the users.
10. The lab planning drawings were reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
  - a. The design team has explored ways of creating additional floor space within the teaching labs in an effort to provide adequate circulation around the benches, teaching podiums, as well as create better site lights to the markerboard and screen.
  - b. The built-in casework and sliding markerboards at the front of the room have been omitted. This was accepted by the committee.
11. Science on Display was reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
  - a. Manual black-out shades proposed at the Physics Lab on Level 1. To be discussed with Physics users at the Design Committee meeting.
  - b. Bob Hetzel requested additional spaces be provided on Level 2 for Science on Display.
12. An example of an Anatomy lab was presented to the committee as requested. Ventilation in these spaces is critical to the faculty and students. Doug Pearson will schedule a meeting with the various users to review the concepts presented.
13. Bob Hetzel asked that River Architects present the project to the project stakeholders the early part of November. Date and time to be determined.

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Meeting Notes by: River Architects and SmithGroupJJR

This constitutes our understanding of the issues presented. Contact River Architects, Inc. via phone at (608) 785-2217, or e-mail [m.adler@river-architects.com](mailto:m.adler@river-architects.com) if there are any discrepancies.