

**PROGRAM VERIFICATION MEETING NO. 3 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / OCTOBER 26, 2017**

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MEETING START TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
 MEETING END TIME: 11:30 a.m.

**PRESENT:**

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**NOTES:**

1. The project schedule was reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
  - a. Pending a final decision on the appropriate classroom mix for the project, the concept design effort has will be on hold.
  - b. Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 9, 2017 at 12:00pm. Agenda will include concept design and massing.
  - c. Executive summary to be submitted to UWL, UW-System, and DFD on December 7, 2017.
  
2. The Building Program was reviewed and discussed. The committee provided the following comments:
  - a. Area Summary:
    - Assignable square footage has gone from 90,013 (2011 Pre-Design) to 90,432 (Based on 12,224 ASF classroom mix).
    - Excludes maker space and future office space above what is currently programmed.
    - Maker space could be in 1,000 to 1,500 ASF.
    - Depending on classroom mix, the overall size of the project could range from 143,000 GSF to 159,000 GSF.
  - b. Cost model based on gross square footage.

- c. The animal care facility that is currently located in the Health Science Center is a part of the consortium between UWL and Gundersen Health Systems. How the current space is used should be verified as well as determining if it should be replaced with a new facility in this project.
3. The Project Cost was reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
  - a. The design team has taken the building program and assigned costs to the various space types. This was done to better reflect the anticipated cost of the building rather than applying an average cost/sf across the entire program (Greenhouse and Planetarium are not the same cost as an office or classroom).
  - b. Construction cost estimated between \$42.9M and \$46.7M and has been escalated to the anticipated mid-point of construction, 2023.
  - c. Project Cost is calculated by applying various fees, contingencies, equipment, etc. to the construction cost. Estimated project cost based on the current program is between \$53.4M and \$58.4M.
  - d. Bob Hetzel noted that it is appropriate to continue to plan for the Science Education Methods Lab to be included in this project.
  - e. Bob Hetzel recommended pushing for 11 classrooms. Cathy Weiss added that a narrative is to be provided in the final report justifying the need for these spaces.
  - f. Scott Schumacher recommended that shelled basement space be captured in the project if at all possible.
  - g. The design team presented various scenarios of the cost impact if the project were to occur sooner. Bob Hetzel and Cathy Weiss agreed that this information should be included in the report. Bob Hetzel noted that UWL would be willing to put forward cash funds to implement the design to save project dollars in order to achieve more program.
4. Jeff Kocinski reviewed the current concept design. The following items were noted:
  - a. T-shaped building with strong east-west oriented massing to the south of Phase 1 with a connecting link.
  - b. Stairs located near entrances to provide better wayfinding and circulation.
  - c. Bob Hetzel recommended the central elevator core contain two cabs.
  - d. Currently, most full-time faculty offices are able to be located on exterior walls.
  - e. Departmental identity with majority of faculty offices located near the departmental ADA and support spaces. Neighborhood distribution to be determined.
  - f. Planetarium located below grade within the courtyard area.
  - g. Concept based on 7 classrooms currently in the program.
  - h. Conference rooms located at east end to take advantage of views.
  - i. Vending and seating areas located at the west end.
5. The classroom mix was reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
  - a. The design team presented various scenarios for discussion purposes only. The figures presented showed that there are possible strategies that achieve more classrooms with less square footage.
  - b. Scott Schumacher noted a preference for two large lecture spaces of 100 and 124 or possibly 120 and 140.
  - c. Discussion was held to retain the 7 classrooms as programmed by Paulien & Associates and provide space for 3 future spaces plus 1 maker space.
  - d. Scenarios to be reviewed by the Design Committee later in the day.

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*Meeting Notes by: River Architects*

*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.*