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**Planning Committee Meeting
October 6, 2011**

Present: Margaret Kuchenreuther, David Aronson, Jim Barbour, Julie Eckerle, Jim Hall, Ken Hodgson, Arne Kildegaard, Leslie Meek, Josh Preston, James Rook, Jordan Wentz

Guests: LeAnn Dean, Roland Guyotte, Robert Thompson

Jim Hall noted in the September 29th minutes the word “learning” was omitted from two places when referring to the Library Student Center Commons area...it should be entitled the
Library/Student Center Learning Commons Area

It was also noted that Mary gathered data from the ORL office and added to the minutes after the meeting concluded.

Lowell Rasmussen spent some time with Margaret Kuchenreuther explaining and discussing questions presented at the last meeting.

Handouts were distributed for reference during the meeting’s discussion. The handouts were as follows:

- 1) Capital Need Identification Form
- 2) Flow Chart of Capital Request
- 3) Flow Chart showing Capital Options
- 4) Integrated Improvements
- 5) Morris Facilities Condition Needs Index
- 6) 2012 HEAPR Request Chart (HEAPR stands for **H**igher **E**ducation **A**sset **P**reservation and **R**eplacement)

The three projects for consideration are:

Library Student Center Learning Commons, with costs possibly between \$20-25M
All Mall buildings presented together \$13-15M
PE Center Renovation \$10-15M

(The dollar amounts above are ballpark estimates.)

What is our priority?

When setting the priority, remember to consider the justification portion. These thoughts need to be specific and it is essential to consider across the campus. As discussed previously, the Green Prairie Living and Learning Community is scheduled as the next project. However as this building will be self-supporting (through fees and student/other rents,) this does not necessarily need to be considered as part of the 2014 plan. But if it is, that leaves 2016, 2018 and 2020 years for capital planning/state bonds.

Other items to take into consideration when making the recommendation (Robert Thompson provided useful insight/clarification about much of the following):

Edson Auditorium renovation has already been planned, using HEAPR funds.

The campus buildings that are on the historic registry need to maintain preservation on either the outside of the building, the inside of the building or both areas. Because of this regulation it would be difficult to think about elevators. (If an elevator were put in the middle of an historic registry building, i.e. Education, it would leave little room for current building functions.) It will likely be hard to attract legislative funding for an office building alone;

however, if the building contains research spaces and/or classrooms in addition to offices it would be easier to justify.

UMM only receives 3.2% of the entire HEAPR allocation for the University. (Which this year the University received \$3m UMMs portion was \$800,000.)

A pro forma is needed before any building plan can move forward, describing where/how monies for the required 1/3 institutional match will be obtained.

Some funds will become available when the Student Center and the Science renovation (20 year bonds) are paid off. UMM will soon be finished paying back its sequestered debt to the system, which will free up additional funds. Lowell would like to visit Richard Pfitzenreuter and explore options for possible additional funding from the Twin Cities. This might reduce UMMs contribution.

Pay attention to the Morris Facilities Condition Needs Index handout. The document was drafted in 2004 so the information is somewhat outdated; however it gives an idea of building replacement/renovation costs.

HEAPR funds will be used for a new roof for the Library and Student Center. This will cost approximately \$450,000. The Library building has been cited for numerous health and safety issues. It has been at the top of the list for renovations before; however for one reason or other, it was moved down. LeAnn Dean distributed a document presented to the CRPC earlier. (The document addressed issues such as the infrastructure problems, inadequate space including students, staff and collections, and the fact that even though enrollment has been lower at times, the "gate count" has remained steady.)

HEAPR funds must be used to keep buildings functional. In the past these funds paid for waterproofing, tuck pointing and re-roofing and other such upkeep procedures. HEAPR funds are an excellent tool to use for these projects. This past year the funds helped update the elevators in Science and Dining Services. Three more campus elevators still need modernization. They are so old it is not known if there would be parts to repair if a break down occurred. These are located in HFA, Behmler Hall and Dining Services (for clarification, Dining Services has 1 elevator and 1 lift) . Other projects currently slated for 2011 HEAPR fund are new roofs for Blakely Hall and the Saddle Club barn. It will also cover waterproofing walls of the RFC and Student Center.

After discussing all points under consideration, the committee will recommends projects in the following order for the 6-year plan.

#1 for 2014, Library/Student Center Learning Commons Area. These buildings serve the whole campus, and UMM is well behind other institutions in shifting its infrastructure to support a new learning environment that includes, for example, a greater expectation for use of multi-media sources and a higher degree collaborative learning than in the past.

#2 for 2016, Mall Buildings making sure to reconsider how these buildings are used, including cases for classrooms/research areas in current office buildings

#3 PE Center

The next meeting will be Thursday October 20, 2011 in Behmler Conference Room 3:45 pm

Roger Wareham and/or Interim Dean Bart Finzel will address the committee on issues/use of indirect costs and funding and how to allocate those funds received.