UW Architectural Commission
University Landscape Advisory Committee

Minutes of Joint Meeting
December 07, 2015
UW Tacoma Campus
Philip Hall – Milgard Assembly Room

Architectural Commission

Present			
☑	John Schaufelberger, Chair	Dean, College of Built Environments	Voting
☑	Richard Christie, Vice Chair	Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering, College of Engineering	Voting
☑	Linda Jewell	Partner, Freeman & Jewell; Professor, Landscape Architecture, UC Berkeley	Voting
☑	Andrea Leers	Principal, Leers Weinzapfel Associates	Voting
☐	Cathy Simon	Design Principal, Perkins+Will	Voting
☑	John Syvertsen	Senior Principal, Cannon Design	Voting
☑	Ezekiel Jones	Student Representative, College of Built Environments	Voting
☑	Rebecca Barnes	University Architect, Ofc of the University Architect	Ex Officio
☑	Charles Kennedy	Associate Vice President, Facilities Services	Ex Officio
☑	Kristine Kenney	University Landscape Architect, Ofc of the University Architect	Ex Officio
☑	Mike McCormick	Associate Vice President, Capital Planning & Development	Ex Officio

Chair of the Architectural Commission and Dean of the College of Built Environments, John Schaufelberger, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Harlan Patterson, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, welcomed us to the Tacoma campus and acknowledged the Committee's contributions during the campus' eighteen-year transformation. The Commissioners unanimously approved the meeting agenda, and the minutes of the September 28, 2015 meeting, as submitted. University Landscape Advisory Committee members were not required to attend until after the morning's architect selection process.

UW Bothell Student Housing Project
Requested Action: Architect Selection
Steve Tatge, Director, Major Projects Group, CPD
Jeannie Natta, Project Manager, CPD
Ana Karaman, Vice Chancellor, Administration and Planning, Amy Van Dyke, Director of Physical Planning,
George Theo, Dean of Students, David Moehring, Sr. Capital Planner, Chelsea Knodel, Director of Auxiliary Services; UW Bothell
Hal Ferris, Kiki Gram, Spectrum Solutions

The UW Bothell plans to construct a 500-bed residence hall with a dining facility to meet current demand for housing and enhance social integration and student engagement with campus community. Since 2009, UW Bothell's full time student population has increased 97% and is forecasted to be 6,000 students by autumn 2018 and 7,500 within 10 years. A demand study completed in early 2015 demonstrated a need for more than 600 beds in 2018, with the capability to fill approximately 800 beds once the total population is achieved.

This project will design and construct a 125,000 square foot, 500 bed residence hall, offering single and double units with in suite bathrooms. One hundred of the units will be designed as triples, allowing future capacity up to 600 residents. The residence hall includes a 10,000 square foot dining facility to primarily serve the residents, as well as offering dining options to the campus community. The construction type is 3 floors type V over 1 floor type I. The project is pursuing Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver certification for New Construction and Major Renovation.

Budget:

Project	$48 million (to be confirmed)
• Design	$2.6 million (to be confirmed)
• Construction (TCC):	$32.7 million (to be confirmed)
• Schedule:	
Construction Start:	Spring 2017
• Occupancy:	September 2018

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To ensure the project meets the required schedule, the UW hired Spectrum Development Solutions with Mahlum, as the architect sub-consultant, to provide the programming, conceptual design and site planning, a summary of which was attached to the RFQ, issued October 2015, and provided to the Commissioners prior to the December meeting. A shortlist of three architectural firms, Mahlum, Mithun, and Meng Strazzara, was selected to be interviewed by the Commission. The recommended firm will complete schematic design, design development and construction documents based upon the programming, conceptual design and site planning provided.

Action

After due deliberation, and with input from the UW Bothell stakeholders, a motion to recommend a first- and second –ranked firm was tendered, seconded and unanimously passed. The Commission's recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Regents for approval, at which time the information will become public.

Prairie Line Trail

During the lunch break, Milt Tremblay, Director, Physical Planning and Sustainability, for UW Tacoma, gave a brief overview of the history of the Prairie Line Trail, a terminus of the Northern Pacific Railroad, which bisects the UW Tacoma campus, and its recent renovation and revitalization as a pedestrian and bicycle thoroughfare and urban open space. Mr. Tremblay led Commissioners and Committee members on a walking tour of the Trail's rain garden, where treatment of storm water was observed in full spate.

Landscape Advisory Committee

Present			
☑	Margaret Johnson, Chair (Position #6)	Principal, Johnson Southerland College of Built Environments	Voting
☐	Thaisa Way, Vice Chair (Position #3)	Associate Professor, College of Built Environments	Voting
☐	Jeff Hou (Position #1)	Associate Professor,	Voting
☐	Sarah Reichard (Position #2)	Professor, Environmental & Forest Sciences; Director, UW Botanic Gardens, Center for Urban Horticulture,	Voting
☐	Nancy Rottle (Position #4)	Associate Professor, Landscape Architecture	Voting
☐	Daniel Winterbottom (Position #5)	Associate Professor, Landscape Architecture	Voting
☑	Jennifer Jones (Position #7)	Principal, Carol R. Johnson Associates	Voting
☑	Jill Morelli (Position #8)	Director of Facilities, UW Medicine	Voting
☐	Grayson Morris (Position #9)	Student Representative, College of Built Environments	Voting
☐	Vacant (Position #10)	Campus Art Administrator	Voting
☑	Damon Fetters (Position #11)	Director, Facilities Maintenance & Construction	Voting
☑	Howard Nakase (Position # 12)	Manager of Campus Grounds Operations, Maintenance & Alterations	Voting
☑	Rebecca Barnes (Position #13)	University Architect, Ofc of the University Architect	Ex Officio
☑	Kristine Kenney (Position #14)	University Landscape Architect, Ofc of the University Architect	Ex Officio
☐	Vacant (Position #15)		Ex Officio
☐	Vacant (Position #16)		Ex Officio

Chair of the Architectural Commission John Schaufelberger, called the afternoon session to order at 1:30 p.m., and welcomed members of the University Landscape Advisory Committee, whose Chair, Maggi Johnson, thanked Jill Morelli, retiring from the UW in January, for her years of service to the Committee. Minutes of the September 24, 2015 ULAC meeting were approved pending the removal of the attendance of Jennifer Jones.

Campus Wayfinding and Signage, Phase 2 & 3

Requested Action: Informational Update
Kristine Kenney, University Landscape Architect
Kristine Matthews, Studio Matthews

Overview:

The Campus Wayfinding and Signage project will develop a new program for contemporary wayfinding throughout the Seattle UW campus. The purpose is to ensure that all campus user's experience is supported with appropriate and well-located navigation

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information, whether they are first-time or long-time users, as pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders and drivers, who may be students, faculty, staff, visitors, neighbors and/or making deliveries.

Studio Mathews, with collaboration by UW Professor of Design Karen Cheng, has been engaged to build on the framework established in Phase 1 by Applied Information Group. Phase 2 and 3 of the Campus Wayfinding and Signage designed a detailed UW map for standardized use across campus and the web and a family of physical sign structures. As a result of project outreach, the proposal came before UW Marketing and Communications' Visitor Experience Committee, who requested that the team explore how signage might better capture the "energy, spirit and culture" of the UW. As a result, an initiative was developed to review the experiential quality of campus as one approaches and moves through it and to codify a holistic approach to all campus graphic communication, into which wayfinding will dovetail.

Comments:

- Mary Gresch, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer provided context, stating: The UW brand is owned by the stakeholders – students, faculty, staff, alumni, and donors – who have very strong feelings of loyalty toward the heritage of the University, including school colors.
- It is not possible to make the campus more beautiful with signage; the question should be one of editing signage, rather than adding. Less *is* more.
- Editing and removing the current clutter of signage will go a long way toward improving the campus experience.
- Purple lettering on a gold background would be easier to read than gold on purple, but care should be taken that large gold signs don't take on too much presence in the landscape. It was suggested that a bronze-toned background would read as a material choice, rather than a rival school color.
- Strong brand identity may be necessary to announce arrival, along edges and at entrances, but should be toned down within campus.
- Why is the question of how much purple should be added to the signs being asked? It feels as though it's being mistakenly identified as the brand of the University, when in fact the beauty of the campus experience is the brand, whereas purple is a color.
- Historical information signage may not be necessary in the digital age.
- Existing temporary signage policies should be reviewed and adding banners to buildings should not be allowed, as it defaces the architecture.
- Recognize the importance of signage and wayfinding to South Campus, taking into account different needs for signage in this unique area of campus.
- Signage in and around the athletics area should be distinct and representative of this unique area of campus.
- The maps on the signs are absolutely necessary and indicating commonly used names for buildings is desired over the official names.
- Create more consistency and control of where traffic control signs are located, establish rules for temporary signs.
- Strong preference for the dark bronze and touch of gold, as this is timeless and elegant. The concept of integrating color into the sides of the signs seems a reasonable integration of purple.

Campus Master Plan
Requested Action: Informational Update
Rebecca Barnes, University Architect, OUA
Romil Sheth, Rhiannon Sinclair, Sasaki Associates

Overview:

The University has begun the process of updating its 2003 Campus Master Plan (CMP) and anticipates the new plan will be complete and approved by the Board of Regents and the Seattle City Council in 2018. The project is being led by Rebecca Barnes and Theresa Doherty; Sasaki Associates has been contracted to help craft the plan in consultation with the University community. On October 14th and 15th the University held two Open Houses to kick-off the CMP and Environmental Impact Statement Scoping process. Over fifty people attended these Open Houses and submitted comments in writing and on the CMP web-site.

Sasaki presented a preliminary draft of data that will inform the 2018 Campus Master Plan, for review and comment.

Comments:

- Key factors in drafting a successful Campus Master Plan will include: forecasting future development conditions, increasing density in West and South campus, improving the waterfront, and maximizing the development potential of east campus.
- The traditional student to faculty ratio will change as non-traditional pedagogies develop, increasing the need for flexible learning spaces.

- Consider significant public open spaces within the higher density grid in West Campus, with a particular interest in mid-size spaces.
- The 10-12,000 SF tower footprints in west campus seem like very small footprints.

North Campus Housing
Requested Action: Phase IV(a) Design Development Approval
Jon Lebo, Director, CPD
Shane Ruegamer, Project Manager CPD
Pam Schreiber, Executive Director, Rob Lubin, Assoc Director; Housing & Food Services
Steve Kieran, Kieran Timberlake
Richard Roark and Laurie Olin, OLIN Studios

Overview:

The North Campus Student Housing, Phase IV(a) replaces McCarty Hall with three new buildings, identified as building B, C and D with occupancy planned for the start of Autumn Quarter 2018. The buildings will feature two floors of concrete construction with 5 floors of wood frame construction on top. McCarty Hall currently has a capacity of 620 beds; the three new buildings will have approximately 1,800 beds.

A new dining facility in Building D will replace the dining currently located in McMahon Hall, which will support the North Campus area. Other amenity program spaces include a regional desk, fitness center and learning resource center. The new resident halls in the North Campus will have a variety of room types for 2, 3, and 4 persons, as well as suites with private bathrooms and floors where bathrooms are shared between multiple rooms.

Landscape improvements include new internal courtyards, a central urban plaza, new pedestrian access enhancing circulation between residential buildings, interconnections to the campus community, open spaces for passive and active recreational uses, and the relocation of a portion of Whitman Court road. The changes developed in Phase IV(a) along with Phase IV(b) will create a new character for this part of the campus that retains the woodland nature of the existing area, while better serving connections within and to the broader campus.

Project Forecasted Cost	
North Campus Student Housing Phase IV(a)	$260M
Schedule	
Design	March 2015 – November 2016
Construction	February 2016 – August 2018
Occupancy	September 2018

Comments:

- The Commission appreciated the changes in design made possible by a reduction in programming, particularly improvements in the way the buildings meet the ground and ride the slopes.
- Keep variations in texture and window pattern low-key, as there is plenty of variation in the façade treatment, which nicely echoes the landscape.
- Explore finish detail options where the top floors meet the roof, to avoid an abrupt juncture.
- The “lanterns” begin to feel heavier and less crystalline than in previous iterations.
- It will be important to carefully plan landscape maintenance access.
- Carefully review path conditions and lighting for safety concerns; install emergency phone boxes.

Action:

A motion was tendered and seconded to approve design development. A vote, by both Commission and Committee, was unanimous in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

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