UW Architectural Commission
&
University Landscape Advisory Committee

Minutes of Special Joint Session
August 30, 2016
UW Tower, Visitors Dining Room, Mezzanine Level

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		Voting
☎	Cathy Simon	Design Principal, Perkins+Will	Voting
☐	John Syvertsen	Senior Principal, Cannon Design	Voting
☑	Riley Coghlan	Student Representative, College of Built Environments	Voting
☑	Rebecca Barnes	University Architect, Office of Planning & Budgeting	Ex Officio
☑	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

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
		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
☐	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 and Dean of the College of Built Environments, John Schaufelberger, called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm. Design Development of the Computer Science & Engineering building was approved at the June 16, 2016 Joint meeting, but Design Development of the landscape was withheld, pending this interim review. Updates addressing comments on the building design from the June meeting were also presented. The project presentation was broadcast via web conference to those Commissioners and Committee members connected via Internet, with real-time discussion via telephone.

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Computer Science & Engineering II
Requested Action: Landscape Design Development Approval
Steve Tatge, Director, Major Projects, CPO
Kurtis Jensen, Project Manager, CPO
Laurie Olin, Richard Roarke, Olin Studios
Stephen Van Dyck, LMN Architects

Overview:

The project has several primary objectives, all in support of ensuring the Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) department is able to meet the growing demand for education in this field, while also maintaining its national leading position. These objectives include providing a welcoming environment and qualitative parity between the new and existing facilities; creating a unified complex for the CSE program; fostering collaboration among faculty, students, and staff; and achieving a cost-effective project that enhances campus connections and landscape.

The Computer Science Engineering Phase II building will construct a new 135,000 GSF building to provide the added capacity required to support the anticipated growth in the College of Engineering's Computer Science program for the next 10 years. The program includes a 240 seat lecture hall, an event space, classrooms, research space, offices for faculty and graduate students, an advising suite, coffee shop and other associated support spaces. The facility is four stories on the Stevens Way side with two below grade levels that daylight as the site slopes to the East.

The site development plan will realign and enhance Snohomish Lane to improve the connection from upper campus to the athletic complex and make pedestrian routes more accessible. The landscape design will complement the surrounding campus environment and provide a natural setting for informal interactions. The building will support bicycle friendly commuting with safe and secure bicycle storage both inside and outside the building.

The building massing curves along the north and south facades reducing the width at the constrained east and west ends of the building. The building exterior has been reconsidered from an all-metal panel system to a more varied material palette, including, glass, metal panels, and terracotta. Daylight, transparency, and a forward-looking quality are important elements for the enclosure to demonstrate.

Landscape design issues from the June meeting to be addressed included the plaza paving design, clearly indicating the pedestrian and vehicular mixing zone at the Stevens Way crossing, developing the design language and quality of the landscape spaces, as well as more fully developing the roof terrace design.

Comments:

- While it was generally agreed the plaza paving extending across the Stevens Way crossing, without curbs, fulfills the important goals of integrating the two CSE buildings and providing ample visual cues to drivers and pedestrians, faculty and student representatives requested further exploration to ensure the safest street crossing conditions possible. The Mason way crossing must be well considered, as well.
- Sandblasted exposed aggregate will not withstand vehicular traffic; consider simulating the continuing pattern from the plaza paving with stain or some other means.
- Salvaged wood benches will require more maintenance than is feasible. Consider teak or a similar wood.
- Be certain storm water flow across the site adheres to new City code.
- The new ADA ramp design was appreciated.
- Continue to refine the design language of the landscape to create a more holistic whole.
- Is it possible to incorporate a boardwalk from the usable rooftop deck to the "prow" of the building, working within City codes, perhaps repurposing the route to the fire stair?
- Reconsider the placement of the elements in the Mondrian-inspired rooftop composition; there may be better placement options than are dictated by the necessity of hiding service elements.

Action:
A motion was tendered and seconded that design development of the landscape be approved; a vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

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