

# *Texas Woman's University*

## **Space Utilization Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes February 8, 2018**

- **Welcome**
  
- **Minutes approved for January 11, 2018 meeting with one edit:** Date of next meeting changed to February 8, 2018
  
- **Follow-up on Action Items from January 11, 2018 meeting:**
  - David Sweeten will review large increase in room usage for Dallas campus during FY2017 – will be tabled till March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - Repurposing of current Student Union building that will be available in Fall 2019.
  - HKS, Master Plan consultants to provide review of Master Plan project for SUAC committee. B. J. suggested committee attend/listen to the presentation by HKS at BOR meeting next week.
  - Dennis created draft of new form in Google share drive for committee members. B. J. requested committee members review form for next meeting and send any comments.
  
- **Review of Major (and not so major) Construction Projects (B. J. Crain)**
  - **West Parking Garage** – Three story building.
    - Began as 600 space garage. Added 25,000 square feet of office and retail space.
    - Space will include: DPS, HR, Au Bon Pain retail food eatery and space to be used for testing services.
    - Met with neighborhood members to insure they are aware of building plan, and will be keeping them updated.
    - Move-in planned for October 2018. Will add 250 extra parking spaces to campus when complete.
    - Will continue to use temporary parking lot across University Drive and the parking partnership with Denton Bible Church.
    - Project will result in HR office space available for repurposing.
  
  - **New Student Union Building** (Hubbard Hall being renovated with add-on at NW corner).
    - Project to be financed with student center fees, approved by a TWU Student Referendum and the Texas Legislature.
    - Bids for construction contractor opened recently.
    - Estimated to start construction next month – March 2018, with scheduled move-in for September 2019.
    - Renovation will not significantly impact the current Red Bud Room or Southeast Ballroom.
    - Last event will be hosted in Hubbard on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

- **Science & Technology Learning Center**
  - 2015 legislative session provided \$39M in TRB funding for this new project; \$13M funded with TWU funds.
  - The building is in the design phase. Will house the Biology, Chemistry, Food & Nutrition departments, and many of the research labs.
  - Construction to start in December of 2018 with plans to be opened in the Spring of 2020. The sciences currently residing in ASSC are not moving to this building.
- **Jones Hall** – repurposing 12,000 square feet of interior wing of building to house the Student Health Services department (currently in bottom of Hubbard Hall).
  - Construction to start in March 2018 with completion expected August 2018.
- **Undergraduate Laboratory Building** – has been out of service for several years.
  - One of the recommendations from Music accreditation review was needing more music rehearsal space. Planning to make music rehearsal rooms and art studios in this space.
  - Construction to start this summer and hoping to move-in by December 2018.
- **Public Private Partnership (P3) for residential housing and dining**
  - Will house 875 beds for sophomores primarily. Built in pod-style dorm with wings on each floor having approximately 10 rooms each, which will share “spa” bathrooms.
  - The TWU housing department offices will be included. Building will be located on top of current soccer field (dorms were located previously).
  - 26,000 square feet of dining space will also be built providing better proximity for dining services to the current and new dorms.
  - Will sell bonds to finance this project next month and construction will start in March.
  - Project will allow TWU to discontinue housing students in the TWU select apartments.
- **New soccer field**
  - Project is starting immediately and will be relocated East of the softball fields and tennis courts.
- **Old Main renovation on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**
  - Will house the Center for Women’s Leadership
  - Will be the first project that SUAC committee will be making recommendations on space allocations for the current groups housed on the second floor of Old Main.
- **Deferred Maintenance projects**
  - Improvements in the Fine Arts parking lot, ACT, GRB, and campus sidewalks.

**Two Informal requests for space (B. J. Crain) –**

- **Querencia Community Bike Shop** – all volunteer, non-profit bike group in Denton. Have lost the space they are using in Denton so the group approached TWU health & wellbeing director, Thad Mantaro about possibly using TWU space. The group is looking for garage-like space for a workshop setting and does not have funding for rental of space. The committee comments included:
  - a. Security concerns about housing an external group on campus

- b. Management of the required background checks for volunteers
- c. The need for this service on the TWU campus
- d. Should TWU provide limited space to an outside entity when TWU space needs were unmet?
- e. Most of TWU's space is E&G space and, therefore, could not be utilized by an external entity such as Querencia

One recommendation was that TWU could possibly help with advertising and providing workshops, but not offering permanent space.

The SUAC committee does not recommend providing space to Querencia.

- o **Student Government Association resolution from Dallas campus** – SGA is requesting a current room, #3700, to utilize for more student space. Currently categorized as a meeting room, the space was used 20 hours per week in the Fall, with little scheduled in the Spring. A review of the space showed uses by SGA, student organizations, some fitness activities, break-out meetings, and some College of Nursing meetings organized for out-of-classroom activities. Scheduling has identified other spaces available for current activities so #3700 could be allocated for student space. Committee decided to table until a future meeting since there was concern that this should be considered with another request from the Pioneer Center for Student Excellence.

**Action Items:**

- o Check with FMC to see when renderings might be available to display in the Student Union (BJ Crain)
- o Review large increase in room usage for Dallas campus during FY2017 (David Sweeten)
- o Discussion on initiating request for space process for current Student Union building that will be available in Fall 2019. (To be addressed after space allocation request form is finalized)
- o Presentation of the current status of the Master Plan project. (Rob Ramirez - April Meeting)
- o Update on status of the space allocation request form. (Dennis Hoebee)

**Committee members attending:** Blake Abbe, Greg Armor, Bill Beckham, B. J. Crain, Dennis Hoebee, Matthew Moore, Ainslee Nibert (Houston), Donna Scott-Tilley, Suzan South, Chad Swank (Dallas), David Sweeten

**Committee members absent:** Jessica Gullion, Barbara Lerner, Jennifer Martin, Melany Noyola, Rob Ramirez

**Next Meeting: Thursday, March 8, 2018, 8:30a – 10:00a in ACT 12 Conference room**