

Approved Minutes – February 9, 2009
University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley
Board of Trustees

Trustees Present: Wayne Defferding, Nancy Barker, Tom Widener, Susan Locke, Dick Gosse, Nicholas Hofacker

Others Present: Jim Perry, Jim Eagon, Trevor Frank, Juli McGuire, Bill Bultman, Rayannen Bentley

- 1) Trustee Defferding called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
- 2) Trustee Gosse moved and Trustee Widener seconded approval of minutes for the meeting held January 12, 2009. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- 3) Bills for the 2009 budget listed on the summary report to Winnebago County dated 02/04/09 were reviewed. Trustee Widener moved and Trustee Gosse seconded approval of payment of the bills totaling \$12,181.51. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- 4) Budget report and carryover requests:
 - The Trustees reviewed the UW-Fox Valley County Budget Expenditure Report for 2009 through 04-Feb-09.
- 5) Facilities report:
 - Mr. Staerkel has requested a quote for roof consultation services, as included in the 2009 budget. The project will identify items for maintenance and include maintenance requirements so as to reduce the need for repairs in the future.
 - Mr. Staerkel will be meeting with a consultant through Focus on Energy to determine if UWFox has appropriate conditions to locate a wind turbine on the grounds. The investigation will include where to locate a turbine and how to meet local rules and regulations. Dr. Perry indicated that this would provide data for classroom activity and produce a small amount of energy for the campus' own use. Trustee Gosse reported that Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota operates a wind turbine on its campus. Dr. Perry indicated that the Focus on Energy consultation cost will be approximately \$600. Trustee Defferding expressed hope that this would also develop student interest in energy production and efficiency.
- 6) Renovation of 1655 University Drive:
 - Mr. Eagon distributed a report from Short Elliott Hendrickson Architects: Schematic Design and Programming, Request for Qualification for Final Design and Construction. The report was prepared in consultation with university personnel to identify renovation requirements and options, with the selected option developed into a finished schematic design. The report includes site plans and floor plans detailing improvements to take place at the 1655 University Drive property pending approval by the counties. The report is the basis for a Request for Proposals that would be issued as part of the process to select an architectural firm to carry out the final design and project administration. Trevor Frank of S.E.H. indicated that the design work will also include specific cost information for the scope of the project, information which the counties have requested. Mr. Frank indicated that all work pertaining to this project must be done by a licensed professional (rather than as a "class project"). He also stated that that in order to allow use of the second floor for any purpose, the stairway/elevator must be in place. The Trustees discussed the presentation of the project so that each county will approve installation of the stairway/elevator and office/classroom/engineering laboratory improvements for the ultimate intended use of expanding the engineering program at UWFox.
- 7) Communication Art Center Update – 46 weeks into construction:
 - The project continues to be going very well, on time and under budget.
 - The progress of the work makes the project look more and more like the designed final appearance.

- Still under heavy construction.
- Will be working on the house proper by the end of April.
- Will likely be working on asphalt and site work in May, depending on weather conditions.
- Will start working February 16 on remodeling the old auditorium space into four classrooms.
- Dr. Perry reported that the foundation has raised 82% of its \$2 million goal in contributions and pledges.

8) Dean's report:

- Dr. Perry reports that Chancellor David Wilson requested the governor to fund several projects for the UW Colleges from the economic stimulus package. The UWFox request includes providing additional laboratories for the collaborative bachelor's degrees in mechanical and electrical engineering delivered by UW-Platteville on the UW-Fox Valley campus (the renovation of 1655 University Drive project), noting that a program in civil engineering is currently under discussion.
- Dr. Perry met with local business and education leaders regarding the Fox Cities Promise, an idea to provide the ability for local high school graduates to afford to attend college. He proposes that partners identify the means to fund the tuition for Fox Cities students to attend UWFox or FVTC. There are similar programs in Hammond, Indiana and Kalamazoo, Michigan which obtain their funding through property taxes and/or community support.
- Dr. Perry reported that he attended a CAP Services fundraiser where the featured speaker was a former UWFox student who received support from CAP Services to attend college and become financially independent. Trustee Widener reminded the committee that the campus discussed in the past how important it is for people to understand why UWFox is the place they want to go, rather than strictly the place they can afford. Chairman Defferding requested that discussion about support for higher education and the value of attending UW-Fox Valley be placed on the next Trustee's meeting agenda.

9) The next meeting of the Trustees is 9 a.m., Monday, March 9, 2009. Future meetings are tentatively scheduled for the second Monday of the month at 9 a.m. (April 13, May 11, and June 8).

10) Trustee Gosse moved and Trustee Barker seconded a motion to adjourn at 10:26 a.m. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

W. Defferding, Chair; J. McGuire, Recorder