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FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 21, 2008

The Facilities and Property Committee met on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair W. Clinton Rasberry called the meeting to order. The roll was called and a quorum was established.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr., Chair
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Ingrid T. Labat
Stevie Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

E. Joseph Savoie
Rich Griswold
Louise Moore

GUESTS PRESENT

Appendix A

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, reported that staff had approved the following small capital projects costing less than \$350,000 since the last report:

Health and Physical Education Parking Lot Improvements - Louisiana State University at Eunice. \$200,000 from Other - Restricted Funds.

Drainage Improvements Along Highway 755 - Louisiana State University at Eunice. \$349,000 from State Funds.

Health Center Addition - Southern University and A&M College. \$310,000 from Other - Federal Funds.

Farm Service Building at Experimental Laboratory Farm - Southern University and A&M College. \$175,000 from Other - USDA/Federal Funds.

Frank Hayden Renovation (Special Projects) - Southern University and A&M College. \$250,000 from Other - Federal Funds.

Kirby Smith - Renovations for LSUHSC 10th, 11th, and 12th Floors - Louisiana State University and A&M College. \$187,500 from State Funds provided by the LSU Health Care Services Division.

Acadian Hall Parking Lot Renovations - Louisiana State University and A&M College. \$300,000 from Auxiliary Funds.

Kirby Smith - Renovations for LSUHSC 1st, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Floors - Louisiana State University and A&M College. \$301,500 from State Funds.

After discussion, the Facilities and Property Committee took the following action:

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Levy, the Facilities and Property Committee unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve the Small Capital Projects Report as presented by the staff.

FY 2008-2009 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION AMENDMENT

Staff presented a project recommended to be added to the Board of Regents' FY 2008-2009 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to provide a Large Animal Isolation Disease Unit at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. Mr. Jim Howell, Assistant Vice President and University Architect for the LSU System, and Dean Peter Haynes indicated that accreditation was the prime justification for a new facility.

After discussion:

On a motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Facilities and Property Committee unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents amend its FY 2008-2009 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to include the Large Animal Isolation Disease Unit at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. The project, estimated to cost \$5,340,000 with \$800,000 of that amount from self-generated sources, is to be added to the end of the New Category.

ACT 959 PROJECTS

Staff presented a request to install two chillers at the Student Center at Louisiana Tech University. The project is estimated to cost \$760,000 and will be paid from auxiliary funds.

After discussion:

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Toups, the Facilities and Property Committee unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve the project for the installation of two chillers at the Student Center at Louisiana Tech University under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. The project is estimated to cost \$760,000 to be paid from auxiliary funds.

Next, staff presented a request to construct a facility for the College of Business at Southern University in New Orleans. The project will construct approximately 9,000 to 12,000

GSF depending on unit costs and is expected to cost just under \$5,000,000 as required by Act 959. It will utilize three sources of self-generated funding, namely (1) \$1,230,318 from a grant for construction, (2) \$1,600,000 from a Title III grant from the U. S. Department of Education, and (3), \$1,700,000 from funds retained due to closure of the University in the fall of 2005 due to Hurricane Katrina. Chancellor Victor Ukpolo and Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean of the College of Business, outlined the need for the facilities, citing accreditation and a lack of the appropriate kind of space on the existing south campus conducive to modern teaching methods.

After discussion:

On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Levy, the Facilities and Property Committee unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve the request to construct a facility for the College of Business at Southern University in New Orleans under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. The project will construct between 9,000 and 12,000 GSF and is estimated to cost \$4,530,318. Funding will come from three sources: (1) \$1,230,318 from a grant for construction, (2) \$1,600,000 from a Title III grant from the U. S. Department of Education, and (3), \$1,700,000 from funds retained due to closure of the University in Fall 2005.

Following that, staff presented a request to approve the renovation of certain aspects of Maestri Field at Privateer Park at the University of New Orleans. The project would replace deteriorated grandstands, press box, dugouts and backstop netting at a cost estimated at \$2,778,000 utilizing funding from self-generated (restricted sources) and auxiliary revenues.

After discussion:

On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Toups, the Facilities and Property Committee unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve the request to renovate certain aspects of Maestri Field at Privateer Park at the University of New Orleans under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. The project is estimated to cost \$2,778,000 with funding

from self-generated (restricted sources) and auxiliary revenues.

Staff then presented a request to approve a project relating to the placement of a Magnetic Resonance Imaging Machine at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. The project would provide an excellent teaching, diagnostic, and research environment. The project, which will modify existing facilities to allow for the installation of this leased MRI, is estimated to cost \$450,000 with funding from cash reserves, self-generated fees, and operating funds.

After discussion:

On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Supervisor Roy, the Facilities and Property Committee unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve the request to modify certain existing facilities to provide for the placement of an MRI machine at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. The project is estimated to cost \$450,000 utilizing funding from cash reserves, self-generated fees, and operating funds.

LEASES

Staff presented a request from the Louisiana State University System to lease certain premises to the LSU Property Foundation for the construction of a Visitor's Center and renovation of certain existing facilities at the LSU Rural Life Museum. The project, which will construct 24,774 GSF of new space and renovate 16,000 GSF of existing space, is estimated to cost \$5,700,000 with funding from donations. Under terms of the lease, the Foundation will construct the improvements and, upon completion, the lease will terminate and the improvements donated to LSU. An MRA of 1.5 % of the cost of construction annually will be established.

After discussion:

On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Roy, the Facilities and Property Committee unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve the lease of certain premises to the LSU Property Foundation for the construction of a Visitor's Center and renovation of certain existing facilities at the LSU Rural Life Museum. Project cost is estimated at \$5,700,000 from donations. The lease will terminate upon completion of the improvements, which will then be donated to LSU.

REPORT ON PARKING GARAGES MEETING

Staff provided a report on the meeting held among system facilities staffs and other interested parties relative to the need for parking garages and how to fund them. Staff indicated that the consensus was that parking garage projects could be submitted just as any other capital project might, and would be reviewed and prioritized consistent with the process for any other needed project. There was no particular concern that precedent would be set or impact future decisions. On the other hand, it was thought that with creative effort and financing, federal funds or possible multiple use might enable institutions to provide garages that would be affordable, albeit not necessarily what students and faculty have grown accustomed to paying in the past. Therefore, the conclusion was that for the time being, BOR staff would not recommend that garage projects be subsidized 50% with State General Obligation Bond financing.

CAPITAL OUTLAY STATUS REPORT

Staff presented a status report on House Bill No. 2 (the Capital Outlay Bill). The report reiterated the Board's recommendations of last fall and compared them to the current version of the bill. Staff generalized that the new administration is moving to clear the backlog of commitments for projects initiated, many of which are postsecondary education projects, and

that new projects are being held in abeyance at this time. Staff indicated that House Bill 2 had been through the House of Representatives, and was now beginning to make its way through the various Senate committees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Facilities and Property Committee was adjourned at 1:20 p. m.

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