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**Meeting Summary**  
**October 9, 2007**  
**Meeting #87**

**Members Present:**

Matthew Fox, University District CC  
 Daniel Kraus, UW Staff  
 Chris Mackenzie, Wallingford CC  
 Colleen McAleer, Laurelhurst CC  
 Pat Cowan, University Park CC  
 Eric Larson, RNA  
 Betty Swift, PB/RP  
 Lyle Bicknell, Montlake CC

**Staff Present:**

Theresa Doherty, UW  
 Laurie Ames, DON

**Others Present:**

Jan Arntz, UW Capital Projects  
 Steve Tatge, UW Capital Projects

**I. Welcome and introductions**

Dan Kraus called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

**II. Review and approval of minutes**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes from March 13 be approved with a minor change removing discussion about a trolley system. Motion passed.

For the July 10 minutes it was noted that Brett Frosaker was in attendance. In the discussion about the Business School the word brick is to be removed and it was clarified that the concern had to do with the size and massing of the building near Denny. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved and the motion passed.

The September 11 draft minutes were approved without changes.

**Business School EIS Update – Steve Tatge and Jan Arntz**

The following are comments on the draft supplemental Business School EIS. Jan Arntz will take back comments from this meeting. Additional written comments are welcome as well and are due by October 22 and they will go into the final EIS.

1. Page 3.4.2 Photograph of site from Denny Yard – include this photograph in the view analysis and impose the building so readers can see the before and after view from this location. This is an important view to capture to understand the massing of the structure in relation to Denny Hall and Denny Yard.
2. Consideration should be given to moving the west side of the new structure away from Denny Hall. Options should be considered which “flip” the brick portion of the structure and the glass portion of the structure. The larger brick portion of the structure should face the Foster Library rather than Denny Hall and the glass portion of the structure should face Denny Hall.
3. The alternative of Balmer Hall being Phase I and being a much taller structure should be included in the Final SEIS. If Balmer was taller it would provide more opportunity for light and open space yet still comply with the height limits of the Campus Master Plan. If Balmer Hall could be taller it would cut down on the crowding of Denny Hall.
4. Concern about the design was expressed. Several members felt the current design - brick and small windows seemed similar to a penitentiary. There was a perception that tiny windows seemed more like Russian architecture. The height, bulk and scale of the proposed structure was out of scale with Denny Hall. Why can't the structure be taller on the north end this might permit the structure to be cut back on the south near Denny Hall? Could Balmer be taller, more in line with the height limits of the Campus Master Plan? If Balmer was taller it would provide more light and air. Concerned that the current design was compatible with the Law School rather than Denny Hall. Denny Hall was sited on a hill, it was felt that Denny Hall “owned” this area of campus and the impacts to Denny Hall will be significant.
5. Concern was expressed regarding figure 3.3-5, the structure seems to be hiding in the trees and it was questioned whether this was the real view.
6. Page 3.3-3 view point 2 – comments were expressed about the beauty of the 45<sup>th</sup> Street entrance to campus. It was felt that landscaping would be needed to mitigate the impact of the structure in this area. Why isn't a glass tower considered for this location?
7. Once the Business School is completed concern was expressed that Denny Hall would no longer be the focal point. Denny Hall is one of the most historic structures on the campus and in the State. Questions were raised about having such a brutally modern structure in an area of campus with primarily collegiate gothic architecture. CUCAC members raised concern about moving away from traditional collegiate architecture in the central campus. Some members expressed concern about architectural disasters when the University moved away from collegiate gothic architecture style in the central campus.
8. The University should consider analysis of additional alternatives including different massing studies, reconfiguration of spaces and having greater distance between the new Business School and Denny Hall.

#### IV. Updates – Theresa Doherty

- UW Safety Program Update – Based on recent experiences, UW is re-looking at safety and security measures on campus. One of the recommendations is to replace the blue light phones with a new broadcast system. A map of the proposed campus emergency broadcast phone layout was provided. Poles would be 14 feet high and brightly colored. They could be heard within a 1,000' range. Although there could be a noise impact, they wouldn't be used except in an emergency. Question about whether there is a call list if there is a problem with the system. Theresa to check with Aaron Hoard on this.
- West Campus Garage – Project is moving ahead. This project has been presented to CUCAC several times and although delayed for some time is now going forward. There is a need to replace 600 stalls that will be displaced by Sound transit. Sound Transit parking mitigation money is being used. The design and size haven't changed and it will be a mixed use building with offices. The surface parking option at the Triangle Garage is not happening and eventually the diseased trees will be taken out.
- Golf Driving Range – The project is not going forward. What is happening is regarding, which will require a permit. Grass is being replaced with artificial turf which is permeable and more environmentally friendly. There is no change to the fence height. Some maintenance will be done on the structure that is currently there. If funding allows, the University will be looking at upgrading some lighting inside the existing fence.
- Semi-Annual Report – Will be complete soon and will be sent out. Next year the University will go to an annual report.

Matt mentioned that for nostalgic reasons, some people object to tearing down the International House of Pancakes Building.

Husky Stadium – At the next meeting CUCAC will have a report on the stadium design. ICA has been working on raising money. They are not increasing the seating capacity of the stadium, but talking about redesign of what is currently there.

Some concern was raised about a newspaper article detailing efforts by the University to persuade Gov. Christine Gregoire and state prison officials to move all registered sex offenders in the University area to other neighborhoods.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.