Chair Balick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Synopsis:
1. Approval of agenda, approval of minutes
2. Going Green at the IMA (John Pariseau, Michael Peterson)
3. Environmental Stewardship Efforts at UW (Sandra Archibald, Karen VanDusen, AJ Van Wallendael)
4. 2009-11 State Capital Budget Request and other Capital Item Updates (Marilyn Cox)
5. Resolutions and Recommendations

1. Announcements, Agenda, Minutes

The January 31, 2008 meeting agenda was approved.

The November 28, 2007 minutes were approved.

2. Going Green at the IMA (John Pariseau, Michael Peterson)

Pariseau distributed a handout with detailed green measures implemented by the Recreational Sports Program, which substantially reduced energy and water usage. The IMA’s 95K sq. ft. fitness facility serves approximately one million visitors a year, an increase of 300K visitors compared to 2003. This number is made up of 78% students and 22% faculty/staff/guests. Green measures at this facility and surrounding sport fields include low flow urinals and showerheads, motion/photo light sensors, Metal Halide light fixtures, day lighting, low energy cardio equipment, etc. All Mercury Vapor fixtures were changed to Metal Halide at the tennis courts with a $30k contribution from Seattle City Light and Facilities Services. In addition to low flow showerheads, hot water temperature has been lowered from 130º to 120º. John said that most visitors are mindful of the short shower signage, though efforts to further lower water temperature to 110º were thwarted by complaints. To ensure visitors safety, a certain level of illumination is needed, including the pool area. With custodians working from 10:30pm through the night, activity lights are turned off once custodians are finished cleaning an area. The racquetball and handball courts lighting are currently controlled manually, and with usage falling, Pariseau is pursuing better technology to conserve energy in this area. To conserve energy and to lessen humidity damage to library materials, the Council inquired about possible closure of Hutchinson Pool. A pool at the IMA to replace the Hutchinson Pool was considered at the planning stage of the 2003 IMA expansion, but was dropped due to lack of funding. With substantial recreational and class use, Pariseau stated that the Hutchinson Pool would continue to operate until the 2013-15 Hutchinson renovation, when other options may be explored. The School of Drama has good use for this space if and when the pool is closed. Council asked Pariseau if he received sustainability information from central administration during the expansion planning process, and Pariseau’s response was negative.

Action Taken: Council thanked Pariseau and Peterson for the presentation.
3. Environmental Stewardship Efforts at UW (Sandra Archibald, Karen VanDusen, AJ Van Wallendael)

Archibald and VanDusen handed out copies of the UW Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC) Annual Report ending in June 2007, ESAC’s web address, and the UW’s College Sustainability Report Card from the Sustainable Endowment Institutes. UW was awarded a grade of A-, a higher grade than last year, and was acknowledged as an Overall College Sustainability Leader and a Campus Sustainability Leader. The report card rated UW’s sustainable policies and practices in the areas of Administration, Climate Change & Energy, Food & Recycling, Green Building, Transportation, Endowment Transparency, Investment Priorities and Shareholder Engagement, which received all A’s except for Endowment Transparency and Shareholder Engagement., which received B’s.

UW’s Environmental Stewardship began as a grass root movement to reduce energy, water, hazardous waste, pollution and general waste stream to landfills, etc. A joint letter from faculty/staff/students was addressed to EVP Ihrig to promote stewardship and sustainability, resulting in the establishment of the Environmental Sustainability Task Force, chaired by Karen VanDusen for the first year. In spring, 2004, President Emmert issued a policy statement calling for collective efforts between faculty/staff/students from all three campuses to achieve climate neutrality by adopting sustainability practices, setting a bar well above current laws and standards. Archibald was appointed Chair of ESAC, which is charged with looking at policy development in an advisory capacity for President Emmert, and over the last few years has developed into a very high visibility program. New challenges for ESAC include setting standards for greenhouse gas emissions and global climate change. To this end, ESAC has identified 23 recommendations grouped under seven policy statement goals. Currently, ESAC meets 2-3 hours each, 11 times a year, with minimal staff support. Additional infrastructure is sorely needed to progress to the next level, and the Faculty Senate, department chairs, building coordinators, and the entire campus community can contribute energy, time, communication, staffing, etc. and participate fully in this effort. To encourage participation, environmental stewardship information must be built into faculty/staff/student orientations.

Action: Balick will draft a resolution in support of the Environmental Stewardship Program for a vote at the next meeting.

4. 2009-11 State Capital Budget Request and Other Capital Item Updates (Marilyn Cox)

Cox distributed the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Development Schedule and 2009-11 State Operating and Capital Budget Request Preparation Schedule, which track events in Olympia from January-September 2008. A short session was launched in January to begin discussions on the coordinated capital project list for the six four year institutions. UW’s 2009-11 requests total $230 million in comparison to the $144 million received in 2007-09. Besides Restore the Core construction for Denny/Lewis/Balmer Halls; Restore the Core pre-design/design for Miller/Anderson Halls; Molecular Engineering/UW Tacoma Phase 3 construction; UW Bothell Phase 3 design; Gould Hall expansion; the request includes funding for the Safe Campus Initiatives and land acquisition in Tacoma. FCUFS will get list to review and advise, for final approval by the Board of Regents in July. The highlighted Capital Funding is separate from funding for ICA Stadium. Structural issues place all higher education at risk, though Hodgins’ response is to address this issue over time. The Restore the Core Program has been very effective so far, and UW’s project list is completed halfway with funding and construction on 6 of 15 projects. Cox went on to talk about the demolition of the Brooklyn Bldg. block. Currently, all staff has moved out of the Brooklyn Bldg. Once demo design, hazard abatement, utility/C&C disconnect are completed, and occupants of five bungalows are relocated, the Brooklyn block will be demolished in fall 2008 to be
replaced with a new 488 beds dormitory for Housing and Food Services (HFS). HFS identified five west campus sites on the 2003 Master Plan, which will provide 851 new apartment beds and 1,282 new resident hall beds as their Phase 1 New Construction. Phase 2 will include closing down and restoring existing high-rise dorms over a 10-15 year period. Gates would like to request site 33 for a School of Drama Scene Shop. Siting potential for relocation of Cunningham Hall was discussed. Concerns regarding adequate Restore the Core funding for Guthrie Annex were raised. Cox shared the State’s concern regarding higher per sq. ft. cost and used the Playhouse Theatre as an example of where State funded ADA and seismic improvements and donor funded additional building enhancements as an option. The cost escalation for Savery Hall was painful. The School of Art would like to renovate/create flexible space to accommodate the change of faculty/student ratio from 1:22-24 to 1:60. An ideal environment would be a large lecture hall with auxiliary studios and would like to see funding targeted for shared use space. Moore would like FCUFS to become a more effective voice in expressing support, recording dissatisfaction and concerns.

**Action:** Cox will let Balick know when to schedule a budget update on the agenda. Draft resolution on funding for Art/Music Bldgs. Renovation, shared use space.

5. Resolutions and Recommendations

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Present: Faculty members: Balick, Gates, Little, Moore, Ozubko, Rorabaugh, Treser
Other ex officio members: Walker

Absent: Faculty member: Berry, Bichindaritz, Chizeck
President’s designee: Kennedy
Other ex officio members: Campbell, Schoen

Guest: Sandra Archibald, Dean and Professor, Evans School of Public Affairs;
Marilyn Cox, Assistant Vice Provost for Capital Planning, Planning and
Budgeting; John Pariseau, Director, Recreational Sports Programs; Michael
Peterson, Associate Director, Recreational Sports Programs; Karen
VanDusen, Director, Environmental Health and Safety; AJ Van Wallendael,
Environmental Stewardship Coordinator, EH&S.