Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes from March 14th, 2013
3. UW Sound Transit Stations
4. UW Childcare Issues
5. Adjourn

1) Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chair Rorabaugh at 10:05 a.m.

2) Approval of minutes from March 14th, 2013
Minutes from the February 21, 2013 meeting were approved.

3) UW Sound Transit Stations [Exhibit A]
Andy Casillas, Project Manager with UW Capital Projects Office (CPO) presented an update on the Sound Transit Northgate and University Links.

The University link is a 3.15-mile extension of the Initial Segment and Airport Link starting from Westlake Station and continuing through to stations in Capitol Hill and the UW. Construction is in its fourth year with two more years to go. After the construction phase there will be six months of system testing and will finally be open for service in 2016.

The Northgate Link will connect the University of Washington to Northgate. The link will be a 4.3-mile extension from the UW with stations at the University District (Brooklyn), Roosevelt and Northgate and will be open for service in 2021. Total cost is $2.1 billion and will serve an estimated 62,000 daily boardings by 2030. Total time to travel from Northgate to Westlake will take approximately 14 minutes.

Casillas went into detail of the tunnel alignment and where the Northgate Link will travel. The new link will leave UW Stadium and travel under the powerhouse, HUB, and Parrington lawn until it curves up north to Brooklyn Station. Casillas assured the council that the link has plenty of clearance from underground tunnels and structures. Construction at UW Station will be complete in late 2014, then another year to complete systems installation. Testing will be conducted for an additional six months with a starting date in September 2016.

Demolition will begin for the U-District Station very soon. Tunneling will commence in November 2015 and be completed by April 2016. Construction will be completed by July 2020 with a start date in September 2021. During that time, Brooklyn may be closed off for about six years while construction continues. Casillas went into further detail about the specifics of the Northgate Link. As for project bidding, Sound Transit will use GCCM which is a system that best identifies value and quality, rather than just based on costs.
UW and Sound Transit are now working on a communication plan when Brooklyn shuts down. Sound Transit will be the main source for producing overall community outreach which includes web alerts, community mailings and signage. They will also set up a process to provide updates for UW Tower occupants including a progress/alert board in the UW Tower lobby. The UW will provide web updates from multiple departments, Sound Transit, UW Tower, Capital Projects Office, and Transportation Services. Sound Transit also plans to have a 24/7 hotline to respond to questions and complaints. The big focus right now is to provide additional signage for the public to find their way around the UW Tower construction. Sound Transit needs to have a good communication plan because all of UW will be impacted, not just occupants in the UW Tower.

Ann Mescher, professor of mechanical engineering and member of the Faculty Council on Women in Academia (FCWA), asked if there was an appropriate communication channel if a specific research lab is affected by vibrations. Anyone who is negatively impacted by the construction, especially researchers whose research can be negatively impacted by vibrations, can call the Sound Transit hotline or CPO. Sound Transit is obligated to monitor construction and assess the threshold level of resulting vibrations and will provide advanced notice to the UW explaining where construction will be conducted on a daily basis. Discussion ensued about construction impacts and required reporting. There have been lessons learned from past construction projects and this will be a criteria when assessing bid proposals.

Casillas went into detail of current construction updates around Husky Stadium and what will be changed to the landscape including a new pedestrian bridge, the Montlake Triangle and Rainier Vista. The stadium is moving along, most of seating is done and they are just starting on grandstand seating. Casillas went into further detail of construction patterns and road changes around the stadium. Construction will be completed by August in time for UW’s first home game.

Casillas finished the meeting by providing pictures and descriptions of the final UW Station along with photos of current construction.

4) UW Childcare Issues [Exhibit B and C]

Mindy Kornberg, vice-president of Human Resources, and Amy Hawkins, Program Manager with UW Worklife, presented UW childcare issues on campus. It is a necessity to expand on-campus childcare services to improve recruitment and retention of faculty and students. Traditionally, childcare is a money loser and in order to finance childcare services UW normally receives grants to provide the funding. The UW pays for the building which includes costs such as sanitation and utilities and hires a local vendor to run facility. The childcare centers are below market rates in order to make childcare affordable for staff and students, but UW does not collect any of the operating money.

Currently, there are 262 total slots available across campus. Priority mostly goes towards students while the Harborview childcare center caters to faculty/staff in medicine. The UW began looking for more space three years ago and spoke with Housing and Food Services in hopes to integrate childcare services into their master plan for the dorms but it did not work. It is also very expensive to modify a building to provide childcare services ($1 million for 45-50 children) which is why they have met resistance in finding a new space.

UW currently works with Bright Horizons as an additional option, providing priority placement to UW employees, and has placed 30 children throughout the Seattle area. Additionally, Bright Horizons acts as back-up care if a provider is closed. UW also works with Virginia Mason TLC (Tender Love and Care)
which provides a subsidized drop-off service for parents with mildly ill children who are not able to go to their normal childcare arrangements. UW Carelink, which is an employee assistance program that offers counseling, financial planning and legal services, also provides consultation and referrals to area childcare options.

A question was raised about UW rates versus market rates. The highest tuition at UW is approximately $1,600/month versus $2,200+/month at other providers in the area, about a 20% discount. On-campus childcare is first come, first service and the wait list is 740 prospective families with an average wait time of two to three years. It was noted that if an older sibling is enrolled then another child in the same family gets priority.

Ann Mescher presented findings collected by FCWA that compared childcare services at the UW to other peer institutions, including:

- University of Michigan
- Ohio State
- UCLA
- University of Wisconsin
- Stanford

The metric chosen to make a comparative analysis is the number of spaces for children per 1,000 families (number of child care positions divided by the total number of students, then multiplied by 1,000). The findings are summarized below:

- University of Washington – 4
- University of Michigan – 14
- Ohio State – 10
- UCLA – 15
- University of Wisconsin – 13
- Stanford – 61 (private university)

Other metrics for comparison include waitlist time, tuition (and whether tuition is on a sliding scale based on income), and accreditation. Wisconsin is a good institution to compare with the UW since it is similar in size. Wisconsin has seven centers on campus, provides hourly and backup care, and also contracts with outside centers for additional childcare services. Current tuition at Wisconsin is $211 - $410/week. Total enrollment is 550 and they are considering further expansion. (See Exhibit B for more details) Discussion ensued about what is available at UW.

In the past we have asked Planning and Budgeting scanned the UW to find space for childcare centers but did not find many opportunities. One question was raised asking about partnerships with new developments around campus. Real Estate checked out approximately 15 locations but could not find the square footage and outdoor space required. Additionally, only a few locations even considered it, all others said “no”. The reason for this response is due to limited funding for childcare services ($1million for 50 children, plus rent). As an example of other programs, Duke University made it a priority and took many steps to provide childcare services such as buying out a private school.
Ann Mescher stated that research laboratories in the mechanical engineering building may be moving due to Sound Transit’s Light Link Rail, and this will leave approximately 10,000 square feet for repurposing within the Mechanical Engineering Department. An additional third floor comprising 21,165 square feet could be added onto the north-south wing of the existing structure, and this new space might potentially be dedicated to on-campus childcare. This could increase capacity and get the UW closer to the enrollment level at the University of Wisconsin. Another building scenario was presented which would add 83,635 additional square feet to the existing mechanical engineering building. In this scenario, multiple engineering departments could be housed within the same structure along with childcare servicing the entire UW campus community. (See Exhibit C for more details)

Typically, a childcare center needs 5,000 square feet for approximately 52 children in 4-5 classrooms. The UW could expect to spend $2 million dollars to convert existing space into a childcare center. One question was raised if the UW could create a development initiative for this project. Discussion ensued about how the UW and the new dean of the College of Engineering might proceed with pursuing this initiative and who would support this project.

There is a need for marketing childcare services at the UW. The big question is how to do it effectively because the UW is competing against peer institutions with better childcare services. In the end it is a money issue. If it can be done by not putting on more debt, then it makes sense. One question was raised asking how peer institutions get the money to finance childcare service. Mescher is not sure, but there will be further discussions with directors. One thing she does know is that in other universities the buildings are already provided and the operations are covered by tuition fees.

5) Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned by Chair Rorabaugh at 11:30 a.m.

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**Minutes by Grayson Court, Faculty Council Support Analyst, gcourt@uw.edu**

**Present:**  Faculty: Rorabaugh (Chair), Ozubko, Christie, Stecker  
Ex-Officio Reps: Zuchowski, Goldblatt, Vardy, Coslett  
Guests: Andy Casillas, Mindy Kornberg, Amy Hawkins, Ann Mescher

**Absent:**  Faculty: Gates, Proksch, Balick  
Ex-Officio Reps: Jacobs, Byrne  
President’s Designee: Kennedy
Sound Transit Northgate Link and University Link Updates

Capital Projects Office
April 18, 2013
University Link

• 3.15-mile extension of Initial Segment and Airport Link
  – Capitol Hill Station
  – UW Station and crossover

• Schedule:
  – Construction: 6 years
  – System testing: 6 months
  – Open for service: 2016

• Capital budget: $1.78 billion

• Adds 70,000 daily riders, 114,000 riders system wide (2030)

• Train every 6 minutes (peak)

• 6 minutes (UW – Westlake)
4.3-mile light rail extension

Stations at U District (Brooklyn), Roosevelt, and Northgate

Open for Service: 2021

Capital Budget $2.1 billion

62,000 daily boardings added to system by 2030

14 minutes Northgate - Westlake
Tunnel Alignment

From the University of Washington Station to the U District Station
Sound Transit Timeline

University of Washington Station (at Husky Stadium)
- Construction - Complete: Dec 2014
- Systems Installation - Complete: Oct 2015
- Pre-Revenue Testing - Complete: Apr 2016
- Revenue Service - Start: Sept 2016

U District Station (at UW Tower)
- Demolish existing buildings - Start: Apr 2013
- Station Construction - Start: Jan 2014
- Tunneling Under Campus - Start: Nov 2015
- Tunneling Under Campus – Complete: Apr 2016
- Construction - Complete: Jul 2020
- Systems Installation - Complete: Sep 2020
- Pre-Revenue Testing - Complete: Mar 2021
- Revenue Service - Start: Sep 2021
Northgate Campus Communication Planning

• ST will be the main source for producing overall community outreach and communications
  ◆ Web alerts
  ◆ Community mailings
  ◆ Signage
• Setting up regular progress updates for Tower occupants and will be open to all UW community
  ◆ Progress /Alert boards in Tower lobby
• Web updates from multiple departments, ST, UW Tower, CPO, Transportation Services
• ST 24/7 hot line phone number for questions/complaints
  ◆ Some issues may be UW related and ST will forward if they get them first
• Way finding around UW Tower and through construction will be focus for additional signage
• Regular management meetings with ST to set up plan ongoing
Escalators from Surface to mezzanine
Escalator
Chamber artwork
Completed Cross Passage

- Connect tunnels every ~700 feet
Questions?
Benchmark Comparisons of University Childcare

UW Faculty Council on Women in Academia

Chair: Marjorie Olmstead
Council member and presenter: Ann Mescher
Universities for Comparison

• Universities for benchmark comparison are mostly public institutions (R-1), with student enrollment > 40,000.
  
  University of Michigan, Ohio State University, UCLA, University of Wisconsin

• One private with lower enrollment (~ 18,000) was chosen for comparison as well.
  
  Stanford
Questions for Childcare Programs

• Metric chosen for benchmark comparison is childcare available per 1000 families.
• Typical wait list time?
• Tuition, and whether sliding scale based on income?
• Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children?
Access to University Childcare per 1000 families

- Univ. of MI: 14
- Ohio State: 10
- UCLA: 15
- Univ. of WI: 13
- *Univ. of WA: 4
Four out of 1000 UW families have access to University Childcare

University of Washington childcare capacity (193) includes:
Radford Court (79)
Laurel Village (60)
West Campus (54)

Including Harborview (73), the ratio of four out of 1000 families becomes six out of 1000 families. Harborview is not included in this chart since UW students may not apply for childcare services at Harborview. These 73 slots are also practically inaccessible to faculty on the main UW (Seattle) campus, or either of the two branch campuses at Bothell, Tacoma.
University of Wisconsin

http://occfr.wisc.edu/child_care.htm

Seven centers on campus
  – Hourly and back up care available
  – Contract with outside child care centers as well
Childcare for 550 total, infants through preschool
Requires approximately 30,000 sq. feet classroom
Tuition for full-time care ranges from $211/wk - $410/wk
Expanding Autumn 2013
Programs in “Education Leadership and Policy Analysis”
“Educational Policy Studies” and “Educational Psychology”