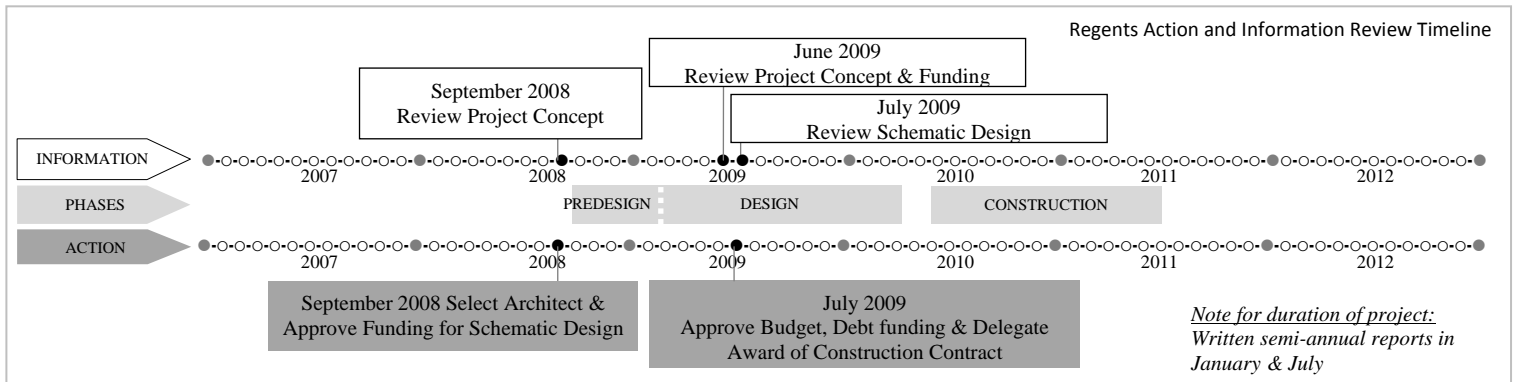


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Ethnic Cultural Center Expansion - Review Project Concept and Funding



INFORMATION:

The purpose of this presentation is to review the project concept and funding for the Ethnic Cultural Center (ECC) Expansion project prior to the completion of the schematic design phase. We will return in July 2009 to present the schematic design, request approval of the budget, debt funding, and delegation of the construction award.

BACKGROUND:

The ECC promotes an inclusive and educational environment by providing programs and services which enhance the communication and exchange of multicultural perspectives and values. Students and student organizations collaborate, develop and implement programs while building leadership and organizational skills. The ECC is considered a national model for University-based multi-cultural student centers. The existing 10,603 square feet ECC is a single-story light wood frame building located at the southwest corner of NE 40th Street and Brooklyn Avenue NE in west campus. The building is 39 years old and no longer adequately supports the program that began back in 1970.

In May 2007, the Service and Activities Fee Committee (SAFC) co-funded a feasibility study to assess and outline long-range goals related to changing student user needs and lifestyles, aging infrastructure, and code compliance for the ECC. Based on extensive student interviews, focus groups, and numerous open forums, a conceptual/programmatic option was generated. Based upon that study the following goals were identified: preservation of the ECC as a “safe zone” for minority students where ethnically diverse students will feel “at home;” student leadership and involvement are cornerstones of the ECC program; the building must be “of the students, for the students, and by the students” to be truly successful; this facility should enhance and further the image of the UW as a national leader in diversity programs; eliminate chronic shortages of meeting and

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office space for student organizations; and provide for a reasonable amount of future capacity for long term growth of the program. This project will replace the existing ECC with a three-story building of approximately 25,000 square feet.

In September 2008, the Board of Regents approved funding for the predesign and schematic design phases for the ECC Expansion project. The predesign and schematic design processes will determine the actual scope, timing, potential phasing, program and space needs, and project budget for the project.

During winter and spring quarters of 2009, this project along with the other two Student Life projects - HUB Renovation and Expansion and Hall Health Primary Care Center - were presented to the Associated Students of University of Washington (ASUW), Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS), and SAFC to determine whether or not the students would advocate for the issuance of bonds for project construction. With overwhelming support the ASUW and GPSS endorsed the projects, and SAFC voted on May 22, 2009 to recommend the establishment of a new student fee to pay for all of the Student Life projects.

SCHEDULE:

Architect Selection	September 2008
Predesign	October 2008 – March 2009
Design	March 2009 – April 2010
Bidding / Award	April 2010 – June 2010
Construction	June 2010 - August 2011
Occupancy	September 2011

PROJECT BUDGET AND FUNDING:

The preliminary project budget is \$15.5 million.

This project will be funded from a new student fee that will be used to pay off a 30-year loan from the University's Internal Lending Program (ILP). On May 22 SAFC approved a new student fee of up to \$95 per quarter for all three Student Life projects. The new fee for the ECC portion will take effect in the autumn quarter of the 2011-2012 academic year.

The ILP loan, including loan and accrued interest costs, is estimated at \$15.2 million. The project will also receive \$950,000 from existing bond proceeds.

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<u>Sources</u>	<u>\$ Million</u>
Existing bond proceeds	\$ 0.95
New student fee	0.06
Interest earnings	0.01
ILP loan (including loan & interest costs)	15.21
Total, Sources	\$ 16.23

<u>Uses</u>	
Project design & construction cost	\$ 15.50
ILP loan & interest costs	0.73
Total, Uses	\$ 16.23

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

September 2008 – Architect appointment, review project concept and funding approval for predesign and schematic design phases