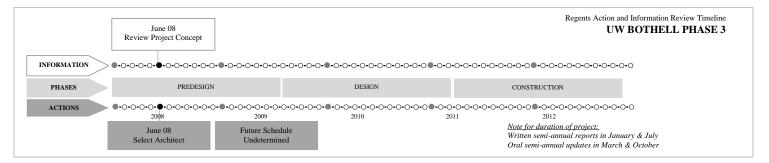
## VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

## B. Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee

# <u>UW Bothell Phase 3 – Architect Appointment</u>



## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee that the President be delegated authority to award predesign and design contracts for the UW Bothell Phase 3 project to the firm of Mithun, Inc., subject to successful contract negotiations.

In the event of an unsuccessful negotiation with the selected firm, it is requested that authority be delegated to open negotiations with SRG Partnership, the firm recommended as first alternate.

In March 2008, the Capital Projects Office advertised for firms interested in providing predesign and design services. Seven firms responded to the Request for Qualifications for this project, and three firms were interviewed by the Architectural Commission on June 9, 2008: Mithun, Inc, SRG Partnership, and Thomas Hacker Architects. It is the Commission's recommendation that Mithun, Inc. be appointed design architect for this project. The Architectural Commission is charged with identifying the most qualified firm as well as one or two alternate qualified firms, if any, ensuring that negotiations can continue in a timely manner. The alternate firm recommended by the Architectural Commission is SRG Partnership.

Mithun, Inc. is a well-known Seattle firm with a strong portfolio of regional higher education design work, including the University of Washington. Notable past work on the Seattle Campus includes Nordheim Court, the Boat Street Shoreline Restoration Project. Currently, Mithun is providing design services for the Lewis Hall Renovation and Addition on the Seattle Campus. Mithun also provided predesign and design services for Phase I and II, for the University of Washington Bothell Campus, and is currently providing master planning services for the University of Washington Tacoma for their update to the 2003 Master Plan.

#### BACKGROUND:

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The Legislature appropriated funding to complete the predesign of the Phase 3 development of the UW Bothell campus which will provide additional academic UW Bothell Phase 3 – Architect Appointment (continued p. 2)

space to support expanded and new degree programs, allowing for program development in science, technology, engineering and math. The goal of the project is to develop capacity to accommodate an additional 600 full-time equivalent students and transition to a model of a comprehensive four-year institution.

The goals of the facility will be to provide an efficient mix of new space to foster collaboration and meet the needs of a 4-year institution. Specific program goals will include a mix of larger classrooms targeted at the more typical lower division class size, instructional laboratory facilities, collaborative learning spaces, faculty offices, an open access computer lab, and a divisible large lecture hall. The divisible large lecture hall will serve core instructional needs and will also serve as an auditorium for campus-wide functions for the growing campus community.

The proposed facility will also include a teaching and learning center for long-term faculty development and to facilitate the transition to meeting the needs of freshmen and sophomores. Associated site and infrastructure improvements will be defined and included as necessary.

The total project budget for Phase 3 is estimated at approximately \$53,000,000 in current dollars, of which \$150,000 was authorized by the State in the 2007-2009 biennium for predesign. Continued development of the University of Washington, Bothell toward the target campus capacity will build upon the previous investments at the UW Bothell/CCC collocated campus to provide outstanding teaching and research space for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.