



## VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

### B. Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee

#### UW Tower S Building - Architect Appointment (continued p. 2)

##### BACKGROUND:

The UW Tower properties are located just west of the University of Washington main campus at 4333 Brooklyn Avenue NE. The 22-story tower and three low-rise office buildings that occupy the site contain over 500,000 SF of office space. The S Building is a four-story structure over a basement level, located at the southeast corner of the site. Planning is now underway at the S Building for consolidation of offices for UW Development, Alumni Relations and the Marketing departments.

The S Building project will begin with a predesign study to develop design alternatives and cost estimates for a new south entry and potential associated renovations, modernization and the expansion of the S Building. Alternatives for the Educational Outreach student registration center on the first floor of the S Building will also be investigated during the predesign. Goals of the S Building project include:

- Reinforcing the University's presence and location at the UW Tower and create a positive image for the University in the community.
- Create a "great welcoming space" for students, visitors, alumni, and the general public and realize the potential for creating a student gateway, and welcoming and support center at the UW Tower.
- Reinforce the UW Tower's image as a gateway to the University, and strengthen the link between the Tower and the main campus.

The complete design and construction of the new south entry, student registration center and other associated improvements would proceed following approval of the preferred predesign concept and the project budget at a future meeting of the Board of Regents. It is expected that the total project cost of the construction project will exceed \$45 million. Funding for the predesign is from local funds.