

**The University of Dublin**  
**Trinity College**

**Minutes of the Site and Facilities Committee Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in the Board Room.**

**Present** Mr Peter Connell, in the Chair  
Vice Provost/Chief Academic Officer - Professor Patrick Prendergast  
President of the Students' Union - Mr Conán O Broin  
Prof. Roger Stalley  
Interim Chief Operating Officer - Mr Tony Mc Mahon  
Mr Paul Coote - Treasurer's Office  
Director of Buildings - Mr Paul Mangan

**Apologies** Board Representative - Dr K J McGinley  
Deans Representative - Professor Colm O'Morain  
Bursar – Professor Margaret O'Mahony  
Heads of Schools Representative - Professor Mary McCarron

**In Attendance** Dean of Students - Professor Gerard Whyte  
Deputy Director of Buildings - Mr Pat McDonnell  
Executive Officer – Miss Sally-Anne Mac Mahon

**1. Minutes**

**SF/09-10/38** –The titles of Professor Mary McCarron and Professor Gerard Whyte were amended in the attendance. Subject to this amendment the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman.

## **2. Matters Arising**

A number of matters arising from the minutes were discussed and have been recorded below, (see Minutes SF/09-10/39 to SF/09-10/42 inclusive).

### **SF/09-10/39 – Cobble Reduction Programme**

The Deputy Director of Buildings reported that the tender process for this project is complete and said that the price is favourable and below the original budget. The material proposed by the lowest tenderer has yet to be approved and the programme will not progress until a decision has been taken. In answer to a query the Deputy Director of Buildings informed the Committee that the largest slab, as seen in the sample at House 1, will be used.

### **SF/09-10/40 – Luce Hall Development**

The Deputy Director of Buildings informed the Committee that the planning application decision will be forthcoming on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010, following submission recently of additional information in relation to drainage. He said that the occupancy of the building has been largely agreed through the efforts of the Working Group for the Luce Hall, a sub-committee of the Luce Hall Planning Committee, chaired by the Dean of Students. The issue of governance will be dealt with by a similar Working Group. It was noted that a brochure will be produced to aid with fundraising efforts and also to inform the student body ahead of the impending referendum proposing a student levy to assist in funding the project.

### **SF/09-10/41 – Biosciences Development**

The Director of Buildings reported that the Vice Provost / Chief Academic Officer (CAO) chaired a meeting of the newly established Biosciences Development Task Force, attended by the Director of Buildings, Dean of Research, Vice Provost of Medical Affairs and the Treasurer. The main objective of this Task Force is to ensure that the project adheres strictly to the maximum budget, as set out by Board, of €75m. The Director of Buildings stated that the deferral of fit out in some areas, to be completed later on a phased basis as funds permit, was agreed as a method of cost saving at this time. This decision is being conveyed to the Biosciences Schools heads at this time.. It was noted that costs for this development increased over time due to the increase in size overall and the intensity of the College use/occupancy in the building.

### **SF/09-10/42 – Lincoln House**

The Director of Buildings reported that the purchase of Lincoln House, as an investment property for the College for the foreseeable future, has been completed.

### **3. Section A**

#### **SF/09-10/43 – Draft Development Control Plan (DCP)**

The draft Development Control Plan, incorporating comments and amendments received from the previous meeting of this Committee, the Senior Administrative Management Group, the Heads of Schools Committee and the Deans' Committee, was circulated to Site and Facilities Committee for approval ahead of submission to Board for final endorsement. The Director of Buildings said that all comments and suggestions were considered and were incorporated insofar as possible and appropriate. He outlined the significant changes to the document for members to note as follows:

- The document now clearly distinguishes between realistic and probable development opportunities and those aspirational ideas for development as per the Capacity Study carried out by Coady Partnership Architects.
- The text relating to the College's connection and openness with the city was developed further.
- The need to identify an alternative location for IS Services has been incorporated
- A section of the architectural quality of the College buildings and spaces has been incorporated
- Further reference to off campus facilities was included.
- The requirement for additional quality meeting rooms was included.
- A schedule of College's protected structures is included as an Appendix.

Upon reflection it was agreed by the Committee that the reference to the potential development of the garden at House 40 should not be included in the DCP at this time. It was further agreed that the possibility of access through House 9 to any future development in the garden of the Chief Steward's House should be identified in the document. In conjunction with the existing information on capital costs, information on operating/recurrent costs will be included in the Plan. It was decided that the schedule of areas should identify the net additional space gained. It was agreed that the plan should include a proposal to make more intensive use of the playing facilities in College Park. Upon the recommendation of the Chair it was agreed that some reference should be made to the fact that advances in communications and technology will have an impact on College's requirements for space in the future, including lecture theatres and seminar rooms.

The Director of Buildings regretted that an opportunity to meet with the Fellow's Committee will not present itself before the next meeting of Board on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010. He said that, consultation with Fellows is important, however, due to time constraints and the fact that there are presently two more Board Meetings before the end of the Academic Year, it was decided that Board should receive the Draft DCP for consideration at its next meeting and a meeting with Fellows Committee will be held before the final Board Meeting scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **SF/09-10/44 – Naming of Lecture Theatre in the Trinity Long Room Hub**

A proposal dated 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010 from the Academic Director of the Long Room Hub, Prof Poul Holm, to name the lecture theatre in the Trinity Long Room Hub the Neill/Hoey Lecture Theatre was approved by the Committee.

#### **4. Section B**

##### **SF/09-10/45 – Phoenix House**

A memorandum from the Deputy Director of Buildings dated 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010 outlining the current situation with the upgrade works and proposed occupancy of Phoenix House was circulated to the Committee for information. The Committee noted that, in line with the planning permission received for change of use of the building, additional works including energy performance

improvements, accessibility and fire cert compliance works has meant that the costs have increased and the projected completion date has changed to mid August 2010 with the 1<sup>st</sup> floor where Deaf Studies will be located, scheduled for completion first . Occupancy of the building is still under consideration and the Vice Provost CAO lent his support to the request by the Foundation Programme to house non-EU students in the building.

In addition, the Committee noted that the Georgian Building adjacent to Phoenix House will be set aside as space to house the Mary Robinson Foundation for Climate Justice and other office accommodation.

## **5. Section C**

### **SF/09-10/46 – Biosciences Project Team**

The Committee noted the minutes of the Biosciences Project Team meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

### **SF/09-10/47 – Grounds and Gardens Advisory Committee**

The Committee noted the minutes of the Grounds and Gardens Advisory Committee meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010. The Director of Buildings drew the attention of the Committee to item 2.6 referring to the ongoing protection of the Pomodoro's "Sphere within Sphere" sculpture at the Berkeley Podium. He advised the Committee that the original architects for the Berkeley Library and Podium have been commissioned to devise a plan to address this issue. The Committee indicated its support for any proposal to remove the temporary barriers and expose the work that is consistent with good safety practice.

### **SF/09-10/48 – Luce Hall Planning Committee**

The Committee noted the minutes of the Luce Hall Planning Committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

**6. Any Other Business**

As this was Mr Peter Connell, Board Representative's final SFC meeting the Director of Buildings acknowledged his assistance as a member of the Committee and as Chair of today's meeting.

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

**SF/07-08/49 – Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Site and Facilities Committee is scheduled for 11am on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and will be held in the Board Room, House 1.

Signed .....

Dated .....