FACULTY SENATE VOTED TO POSTPONE

Motion

The Senate recommends that the campus

Suspend plans now to develop the Pabst Brewery site as a possibility for housing the School of Public Health;

Main Rationale

The UW-System Board of Regents authorized in principle the expenditure of $240,000,000 for new construction in support of UWM’s development as a research university. Included was $123,400,000 in General Fund Supported Borrowing (GFSB), $55,600,000 in existing Program Revenue Supported Borrowing (PRSB), $1,000,000 in Building Trust Funds (BTF), and $60,000,000 in Gifts/Grants.

In Fall, 2009, the campus administration set forth a plan for the use of these funds called the Milwaukee Initiative. Its contents are listed below, including proposed sources of funding within the $240,000,000 authorization:

- Replace Neesky Research vessel: $20,000,000 gifts
- School of Freshwater Sciences Research Building: $50,000,000 30% GFSB, 70% gifts
- Kenwood Integrated Research complex (IRC): $50,000,000 80% GFSB, 20% gifts
- Milwaukee County Grounds: $35,000,000 57% GFSB, 43% gifts
- Public, Community, Clinical Health: $38,400,000 74% GFSB, 26% gifts
- Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital: $66,100,000 84% PRSB, 15% GFSB, 1% BTF

Current status of the Milwaukee Initiative: Decisions concerning the School of Freshwater Science, the Kenwood IRC, and Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital have been made by the Board of Regents as follows:

- Replace Neeskay Research vessel: $20,000,000 gifts
- School of Freshwater Sciences Research Building: $50,000,000 100% GFSB
- Kenwood Integrated Research complex (IRC): $75,000,000 100% GFSB
- Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital: $31,000,000 100% PRSB

The Senate notes with appreciation the efforts of the campus administration in securing these vital resources that will allow us to enhance the campus programs.

The New Situation At this point, all of the GFSB funds have been spent. Accordingly, the other two projects, Milwaukee County Grounds and Public, Community, Clinical Health must be funded by PRSB ($26,000,000) and gifts/grants ($58,000,000). The first funding source seems to be limited to Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital because of it a program revenue source. Moreover, Provost Cheng appointed four committees to determine the space needs for all of the above projects, except Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital. The one for the Kenwood IRC has planned the space as three-quarters of a replacement physics building not as an interdisciplinary research complex. Thus, the Kenwood IRC does not support the original aim of the complex to provide STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) space for new faculty. Since there is no other space for new labs and offices for STEM faculty on campus, plans to expand our
The Board of Regents took an important step in Jan, 2010, when it explicitly identified the acquisition and development of Columbia St. Mary’s as a key component of future campus growth. The lack of GFSB dollars, the linkage of PRSB dollars to Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital, and the contingency of major capital gifts in support of our building projects necessitates a new building plan that concentrates remaining resources on Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital, a complex with over 800,000 gross square feet of space contiguous to our campus.

The text below identifies the rationale for Faculty Document 2710.2

**Suspend plans to develop the Pabst Brewery site as a possibility for housing the School of Public Health.**

**Rationale:**

With the School of Public Health at Columbia St. Mary, the Pabst site is not needed.

2.1. Schools of public health deal with populations, and conduct laboratory based research. They do not deliver clinical services. Thus, the Pabst site offers few advantages when compared to a location adjacent to the Kenwood campus.

2.2. We can collaborate with off-campus organizations (e.g. Medical College of Wisconsin) just as well from Kenwood-Columbia St. Mary site, and present evidence shows we already do.

2.3. We can contribute to underserved populations just as well from the Kenwood-Columbia St. Mary site, and present evidence shows we already do.

2.4. Mr. Zilber has provided a $10,000,000 founding gift in support of the School of Public Health. It is not tied to locating at a particular site, such as the Pabst Brewery.

2.5. The modest amount of remaining building funds other than possible gifts is relatively small and needs to be focused on the one site, Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital, that can utilize PRSB dollars and has the potential to address our growth agenda needs, including the School of Public Health.

2.6. The campus understands that individual faculty or even units may want to engage in interdisciplinary, collaborative, and partnered research at a free-standing site such as the Pabst site. The current plan does not preclude that acquisition of the necessary facilities and that the activities themselves could be supported via extra-mural grants or sponsored partnerships.
Executive Summary

The Senate recommends the campus adopt a development plan that maximizes the return from currently available funds. By so doing, UWM will be able to contribute as much as possible to students, metro area, and state.

Suspend plans to develop the Pabst Brewery site as a possibility for housing the School of Public Health;
Rationale: With the action of the Board of Regents and the acquisition of Columbia St. Mary site, a Pabst site is no longer needed.