

**Land Use Committee
November 30, 2016
Burns Hall 3rd Floor Board Room
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Dr. Evelyn Jorgenson, Joe Spivey, Diane Boss, Debi Buckley, Jerry Vervack, Herbert Morales, Heidi Migliori, Steven Hinds, Eric Smith, Jack Thompson

Guests: Derek Eckelhoff, Dave Perozek, Dena Stone

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 by Chair Joe Spivey.

Discussion of Railroad Area Refill

- Debi Buckley shared information concerning refill of the area around the former railroad.
 - Crossland Construction has spoken with NWACC about refilling the former railroad property in exchange for their I-49 project laydown area. The AHTD owns the property and has given Crossland permission to fill it.
 - The College would obtain a signed memorandum of understanding before work begins.
 - Signage will be added to the work sites to ensure safety.
 - An engineering firm will examine potential drainage issues.

Dr. Audley S. Hall Writing Center

- Dr. Jorgenson shared information with the committee about naming the Writing Center in honor of Professor Emerita Dr. Audley S. Hall.
 - The Writing Center was started in a small room and staffed with volunteers. The Center now serves over 7,00 students.

Arts Facility Proposal

- Dr. Jorgenson and Debi Buckley shared information with the committee about a proposal to improve physical facilities for the Visual Arts program.
 - The proposed facility would be constructed northwest of the Becky Paneitz Student Center with an estimated completion date in fall 2018.
 - Additional resources would include faculty offices, a workroom, restrooms, and indoor and outdoor kiln spaces. The spaces would have adequate ventilation and

light. The vacated Burns Hall Art Labs could be utilized for other class related needs.

- The request would allocate up to \$3,000,000 for an approximate 12,000 square foot facility.
 - The project would be funded from the capital millage revenue account. Costs would be spread over two fiscal years. The method of finance would be approved by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration.
- The committee members discussed the merits of the proposed art lab building. Mr. Spivey requested discussion with the Committee about the proposal and cited several concerns. After further discussion among the Committee members, Mr. Spivey expressed his opposition of the proposal. Mr. Spivey asked that the question be called to a vote. Heidi Migliori moved to approve the proposal to construct an art facility at a cost not to exceed \$3,000,000; Eric Smith, seconded. Vote: The motion to recommend that the Land Use Committee present the Arts Facility proposal to the NWACC Board of Trustees was approved 8 to 1. Mr. Morales dissented.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.
Recorded by Todd Glass