Town Meeting Notes

July 28, 2005

1. Library West construction is the main topic.
2. Rob Roberts began the discussion by detailing Leeds—a government program that promotes the building of “green” structures. Green buildings are energy efficient, recycle and are the trend of the future. There are four levels of certification for green buildings. We are on target for the silver. We’ve recycled 713 tons of concrete, 286 tons of metal, 60.5 tons of carpet, 280 tons of lime rock, 180 tons of asphalt—and much more—way beyond what we thought possible.
3. Construction—continues on time and on budget. There were problems with drywall on the exterior walls—found mildew. The drywall was removed and they are in the process of re-installing in a way that prevents moisture from damaging the drywall.
4. Roofing—currently working on a new section of the building. The flat part will get cap sheet.
5. When they cut a hole in the existing old roofing, they found water. Now a contractor has been hired to scan the roof for more signs of water. If they find it, PPD will be called in to repair.
6. Fireproofing is done on the third floor.
7. Toilet fixtures to be installed this week.
8. South curtain wall (glass from first to third floors) is going in this week.
9. Food service in the 24-hour study area is under negotiation.
10. AC testing—ready to turn on in floors 4, 5, 6 of the old building, as soon as the enclosure is finished.
11. Program with architects—will modify package—signs will be tactile and Braille—descriptive, not directional. The library must meet a statewide standard.
12. Overall, the project remains on schedule. We expect to reoccupy the building in late March or early April, 2006. Books to be moved between late January and mid-March. Of course, there are lots of unforeseen circumstances that can disrupt this—hurricanes, etc., and we will have better dates as we get closer. Things are proceeding very well right now.
13. What about furniture and computers for the new building? About half of the furniture for the public area has been purchased already, primarily tables and service desks. Staff will be moving back with their existing office furniture except
for a few areas where the original furniture would not fit, for example, Access Services. Rob will be doing a survey of staff returning to West to identify/verify with what furniture they will be returning. $150,000 has been allocated for public computer equipment sand these will be ordered soon. The whole building is going to be wireless, so that will provide a lot more access.

14. What about people that did not take their furniture with them from the old West (ILL)? Much of that is in storage and we will reuse those items. We also need to develop a list of items to purchase where previous furnishings will not fit or we never had enough furniture.

15. The café issue: we have been in and out of discussion with Business Services which apparently wish to have a major food service outlet in the main library. We want a modest library café to support our students and staff. We are continuing to negotiate the conditions under which the café will operate.

16. Will the Library hours change when West reopens? It depends whether or not we get more money to support the FTE. Dale requested a third shift of employees to expand hours to 24. (The budget request is on the Staff Web Page at http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/staff-site/budget/default.htm. Right now we can cover 8AM-1AM as in the past. We would need more money to pay staff working 1AM-8AM, and more positions to run it. It would require five more people to run that shift.

17. LAD has to move before the opening of West (a new Lowes is moving to that location). We are going to use the building that the Law School was using to store their books during their recent move. This will happen in an August-September time-frame. We had a pre-bid meeting with the movers this week where we discussed how to treat and package the books. Once the bids are submitted, we’ll pick a winner. We’d like to start the move as soon as possible, so it would not occur at the beginning of the fall semester. These items are not for public access – they will simply be in storage (retrievable through our current program) until the move back to West.

18. It has been a busy three weeks of hiring in HR: Hikaru Nakano – East Asian Cataloguer Valrie Davis – IFAS Outreach Kathryn Kennedy – Engineering Outreach Michelle Foss – Access Services/ILL Brian Keith – HR Officer