

The Regents of the University of California

COMMITTEE ON GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS

July 19, 2000

The Committee on Grounds and Buildings met on the above date at UCSF – Laurel Heights, San Francisco.

Members present: Regents Atkinson, Connerly, Davies, Fong, Hopkinson, S. Johnson, Khachigian, and Kozberg; Advisory members Morrison and Seymour

In attendance: Regents Bagley, Bustamante, O. Johnson, Kohn, Lee, Miura, Montoya, Moores, Nakashima, Parsky, and Sayles, Faculty Representatives Coleman and Cowan, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Assistant Treasurer Young, Provost King, Senior Vice President Darling, Vice Presidents Broome, Drake, and Hershman, Chancellors Berdahl, Carnesale, Cicerone, Dynes, Orbach, Tomlinson-Keasey, Vanderhoef, and Yang, Vice Chancellor Bainton representing Chancellor Bishop, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 1:10 p.m. with Committee Chair Kozberg presiding.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Negative Declaration and Approval of Design, School of Medicine Research Facility, San Diego Campus

The President recommended that, upon review and consideration of the environmental consequences of the proposed project as indicated in the Tiered Initial Study/Negative Declaration, the Committee:

- A. Approve the Tiered Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- B. Adopt the Findings and Mitigation Monitoring Program.
- C. Approve the design of the School of Medicine Research Facility, San Diego campus.

[The Tiered Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, Findings, and Mitigation Monitoring Program were mailed to all Regents in advance of the meeting, and copies are on file in the Office of the Secretary.]

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the President's recommendation and voted to present it to the Board.

2. CERTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND APPROVAL OF DESIGN, VETERINARY MEDICINE LABORATORY FACILITY, DAVIS CAMPUS

The President recommended that, upon review and consideration of the environmental consequences of the proposed project as indicated in the Final Environmental Impact Report, the Committee:

- A. Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report.
- B. Adopt the Findings and Mitigation Monitoring Program.
- C. Approve the design of the Veterinary Medicine Laboratory Facility, Davis campus.

It was recalled that in November 1999, The Regents approved the core surgery portion of the Veterinary Medicine Laboratory Facility, Davis campus, for inclusion in the 2000-2001 Budget for Capital Improvements and the 2000-2005 Capital Improvements Program. The cost of the core surgery portion (comprised of separate large and small animal surgeries) is \$10,460,000. This portion of the project will be funded by State (\$3,658,000) and campus funds (\$6,802,000).

This project also includes three separate projects approved for the Chancellor's budget: a large animal holding facility (\$1,762,000); a small animal holding facility (\$3,800,000); and a lecture hall (\$574,000). These companion projects are part of a single integrated facility and are planned to be constructed concurrently with the core surgery portion of the facility. For this reason, Regental approval for design of the entire Veterinary Medicine Laboratory Facility is requested.

In January 2000, the appointment of Anshen + Allen Architects of Los Angeles as executive design professional for this project was administratively approved within the Office of the President.

Project Site

The site for the Veterinary Medicine Laboratory Facility is located in the Health Sciences District to the southwest of the Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital. The site is bound to the north and east by Garrod Drive and to the south and west by pasture lands. The site was designated for high density academic and administrative use in the 1994 Davis Campus Long Range Development Plan. The proposed use is consistent with this land use designation.

Project Design

The Veterinary Medicine Laboratory Facility is designed to contain 31,283 assignable square feet within a total area of 47,614 gross square feet serving the School of

Veterinary Medicine. The core surgery facility will provide modern instructional surgery rooms with supporting spaces for treatment, x-ray, equipment storage, and administrative offices. The companion projects include a lecture hall adjacent to the entrance to the core surgery facility and a small animal holding facility designed as a wing of the core surgery facility adjacent to the small animal surgery suite. The large animal holding barn consists of a separate structure located within the enclosed paddock to the south of the core surgery facility. The main building has an L-shape plan, creating an enclosed outdoor animal holding, loading, and service area to the south. The main pedestrian entry is from the northeast into the main lobby and lecture hall. The structure will be steel frame. Exterior cladding will be concrete masonry units on the first floor for durability, with cement plaster for upper walls. The scale, coloration, materials, and roof forms extend the established character of the barn areas on the south side of the health sciences district.

The design of the Veterinary Medicine Laboratory Facility will be reviewed in accordance with University policy by independent design consultants and value engineering teams, including an independent structural and seismic engineering consultant and an independent cost estimator.

The project will be managed by the campus architects and engineers office, with assistance from the executive design professional's project team. Other consultants and testing agencies will be used as necessary. Project oversight will be performed by the campus architect. Construction will begin in April 2001 and will be completed in September 2002.

Environmental Impact Summary

Pursuant to State law and University procedures for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, the potential environmental effects of the proposed Veterinary Medicine Laboratory Facility were analyzed in an Initial Study. This analysis was tiered from the program EIR prepared for the UC Davis 1994 LRDP. The Initial Study evaluated whether the project would result in any new environmental impacts not previously identified in the LRDP EIR to determine the level of additional environmental review, if any, that would be appropriate for the project. The Initial Study identified all LRDP EIR mitigation measures that are relevant to the project and which have been incorporated into the project.

Based on the Initial Study, it was determined that the proposed project would not result in any potentially significant impacts that were not sufficiently addressed and mitigated in the 1994 LRDP EIR as amended. However, the project is potentially controversial due to the use of animals in the facility. Therefore, a focused tiered EIR was prepared. The project EIR also concluded that there were no new significant impacts and that no new mitigation measures are required. The project will incrementally contribute to LRDP and cumulative development impacts that were previously identified in the LRDP EIR as significant and unavoidable. These significant and unavoidable impacts have

been fully addressed in the Findings and Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with its approval of the 1994 LRDP.

The Initial Study was circulated for public and agency review. The draft EIR was circulated, and a public hearing on it was held. The comments received on the Draft EIR, and the campus' responses to these comments, are included in the Final EIR. The comments received on the Draft EIR focused on the loss of the cross country course at the UC Davis Equestrian Center. This change in land use was included in the 1994 LRDP. The Mitigation Monitoring Program, which is bound with the Final EIR, will assure that all potentially significant impacts are mitigated in accordance with CEQA.

Findings

The Findings discuss the project's impacts and associated LRDP EIR mitigation measures.

Chancellor Vanderhoef discussed the history of the School of Veterinary Medicine's accreditation problems, noting that a 1998 accreditation review passed the school on ten of the eleven standards but based its decision to limit accreditation on the school's failure to provide adequate facilities for its students. He reported that the campus is building modern classrooms and teaching laboratories as quickly as it can and plans over the next ten years to consolidate its teaching facilities at one site. He believed that the projects that are planned and are under way, which total \$124 million, will return the school to full accreditation status.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the President's recommendation and voted to present it to the Board.

[The Final Environmental Impact Report, Findings, and Mitigation Monitoring program were mailed to all Regents in advance of the meeting, and copies are on file in the Office of the Secretary.]

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Attest:

Secretary