

2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FACULTY BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Two conditions prompt a reconsideration of how the Faculty Building Advisory Committee (FBAC) can best help to advance the goals of the University with regard to its built environment.

First, the University Capital Committee, which is comprised of the President, Provost, Chief Financial Officer and other members of senior leadership, has been created to provide strategic direction and establish priorities with regard to the development of major assets—including planning, design, and construction activities for new buildings and extensive building renovations.

Second, incremental and cumulative changes to the campus and surrounding areas have resulted in a new physical context in which the university operates. The Campus Master Plan was approved in 2013 and the Campus Landscape Master Plan was approved in 2014. Both documents continue to provide critical guidance for ongoing development, but recently completed projects (such as the Engineering Education and Research building), projects under or soon to be under construction (such as the Energy Engineering Building, the graduate housing complex to the east of Interstate-35, and as the new Creekside dormitory), and active planning activities (such as the Waller Creek Framework Plan and the soon-to be launched Dell Medical School Master Plan revision) raise the need to consider an increasing number of variables with each new initiative.

The FBAC believes that given these changes, it can best serve by serving as a sounding board for early building programming considerations. Our classrooms, laboratories, and collections contribute to the ways faculty conduct their teaching and research activities. We propose being involved in the early stages of any new building project by providing a forum to discuss needs with the major stakeholders and design team. This proposition will be discussed at the FBAC's first meeting in the fall of 2018 and is offered for opinion and advice from the Campus Capital Committee and the Campus Master Plan Committee.

This proposition would modify the existing function of the FBAC:

FUNCTION: To represent the faculty, staff, and students in matters related to the ~~planning and~~ programming of ~~campus buildings and grounds~~. The committee shall solicit and serve as the conduit for campus-wide faculty input into the nature and direction ~~of existing building building construction and renovation~~ initiatives and ~~the broader building planning process on campus and~~ convey those concerns to all affected stakeholders. ~~The committee will monitor the proposed and actual responses to these faculty concerns in the design and construction of new and significantly renovated buildings, and it shall report both the concerns and the responses to the president and periodically to the Faculty Council.~~ No less than annually will the committee meet separately with representatives of extant master planning and public arts committees. A

representative of the committee (generally, the chair) shall serve on the Campus Master Planning Committee, or its equivalent. A member of the committee may, when appropriate, be appointed by the president as a voting member to a special committee created during the preparation of the preliminary plans for the erection of a particular building, to serve until the completion thereof. (*The revised function was approved by the president on December 1, 2014; [D 11939-11943](#).*)

COMPOSITION: Nine voting members of the General Faculty, including a representative from the School of Architecture, and one member of the University staff, all appointed by the President for five-year terms. Two undergraduate students appointed by the President from a panel of names submitted by Student Government, and one graduate student from a panel submitted by the Graduate Student Assembly. Students shall serve one-year terms and shall be eligible for reappointment. The students may not be from the same college or school. In addition, every year the Chair of the Faculty Council shall appoint two voting faculty members of the Faculty Council for one-year terms. Each year, the committee shall elect its own Chair and Vice Chair who shall be voting faculty members of the committee. The Senior Vice President of Financial and Administrative Services or a delegate shall be an *ex officio* member. The UT System Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction and a representative from the Office of Campus Planning and Facilities Management shall serve as administrative advisors without vote.