UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
Campus Facilities Planning Committee
Request for Project Approval Form

1. Project Number
2. Project Name College of Pharmacy (TMC) Illuminated Sign
3. Committee Date July 10, 2009
4. Requesting Department College of Pharmacy
5. Contact Name & Phone Number Shaki Commissariat x3-1254
6. Presenter: Shaki Commissariat
7. Description of Request

Project Overview

The College of Pharmacy requests approval to install an illuminated sign on the west face of the building at 1441 Moursand, Houston, TX. The sign is approximately 6’-6” tall and 85’-6” wide and features the “interlocked-letters ”UH logo and building name all in red letters.

Sign Specifications

Sign consists of illuminated channel letters and logo of pre-finished aluminum with white acrylic faces and red translucent vinyl overlay, and is lit by means of neon illumination with remote transformers behind the wall or in the attic space. The logo will have three lines of neon and the other letters will have two lines. Neon is 6500 white on 30ma transformers. Electrical service requires three (3) 20 amp 120 volt circuits.

Justification

**Increased Visibility** – From a practical identification and wayfinding standpoint, the installation of illuminated exterior signage at the UH College of Pharmacy’s TMC Campus Building would benefit several parties: VIPs, such as international dignitaries, collaborators/researchers, donors, local/state public officials, etc; students; visiting/adjunct faculty; and even vendor/delivery personnel.

**Increased Public Awareness** – The University of Houston’s College of Pharmacy is the only pharmacy school with its own standalone facility within the TMC. This distinction affords a unique opportunity to spotlight our presence within the TMC – and the strength of our academic and research programs – to many diverse audiences, including general public, patients and visitors; international dignitaries; TMC institution leaders and
employees/research collaborators; and Greater Houston government, business and community leaders. A cursory tour through the TMC will provide ample evidence of prominent exterior signage from every major institution within the TMC.

**Institutional Pride** – Despite being a member of the Texas Medical Center since 1980 and the first College of Pharmacy to be admitted into the TMC, the only indication of UH’s presence within the world’s largest medical center complex is the TMC-provided, street-level wayfinder sign on Moursund.

**Of special note:** During her first tour of the TMC Campus Building in the spring of 2008, UH President & UH System Chancellor Dr. Renu Khator questioned why UH didn’t have a larger presence in the TMC.

8. **Cost of Project**  
   $27,150

9. **Source of Funding:**  
   Department Funds

10. **Proposed Start Date:**  
    Upon approval

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Spencer Moore
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Facilities Planning & Construction
Text and Dimensions

Aerial View

Signage Location
Mock-up of Proposed Signage