UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
Campus Facilities Planning Committee
Agenda Item Description Form

1. Date: July 13, 2017
2. Item: Gender Neutral Signage
3. Requesting Department: LGBTQ Resource Center/General Counsel
4. Contact Names & Phone Numbers: Jeanne LaMontagne – Ext. 3-4191
5. Presenter: Jeanne LaMontagne
6. Recommendation/Action Requested: Information item
7. Summary:
The Texas Legislature has approved a “Bathroom Bill” (SB 6) that may have impact on the University’s restroom, locker room, changing room, and shower room facilities. Senate Bill 6, which goes into effect September 1, 2017, requires restrooms in public schools and institutions of higher education to be designated for and used only by persons based on the person’s biological sex.

Accommodations to the act are allowed, which include provision of single-occupancy restrooms or changing facilities or the controlled use of a faculty restroom or changing facility, on request due to special circumstances.

Consequently, Facilities/Construction Management in concurrence with the GLBTQ Resource Center and the UH General Counsel will identify campus single-occupant rest rooms and label them “Gender Neutral.” Restrooms that are in departmental or secured areas will be evaluated before they are published as available.

In 2013, DesignLab developed and presented for campus community review interior wayfinding standards. Gender Neutral sign types will be added to those standards. The proposed new standard will be submitted for committee comments at this meeting.

8. Proposed Start Date: Upon approval
9. Supporting Documentation Description: Renderings and Material Data
ALL GENDER RESTROOM
ALL-GENDER REST ROOM

Option C
ALL-GENDER
REST ROOM

ALL GENDER REST ROOM

Option D
Example of Approved Interior Wayfinding Signage