



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

1. **Project Number**
2. **Project Name** **Classroom Business Building
Exterior Design**
3. **Committee Date** **November 12, 2010**
4. **Requesting Department** **Academic Affairs**
5. **Contact Name & Phone Number** **Ed Hugetz, x3-3419**
6. **Presenter:** **Bernie Harless**
7. **Description of Request**

Background Information

The site of a proposed four-story Classroom and Business Building was brought to and approved by the CFPC committee in February 2010. In May 2010, a design-build team was selected from 5 short listed firms on the basis of best value and program understanding. Keen competition in the construction market resulted in very favorable pricing, and has enabled the project to include an additional fifth shell floor. This approval item focuses on the building's exterior design.

Design Overview

The Classroom and Business Building is sited between the Cemo Lecture Hall and UC Underground and Melcher and the Power Plant and features its major entry to the west but includes a significant entry to the east. Although all five floors of the building have been programmed, only build-out of floors 1 and 2 are in the current scope of work. The remainder floors will be built-out at a later date. The building is a simple geometric form with an angled splay at the east entry, several projections accenting key interior locations, and a systematic rhythm of windows. The splay in the floorplate accentuates the building's interaction with Melcher Hall and anchors one corner of the courtyard created between Melcher, the CBB, and the UC underground retaining walls.

The building's exterior consists of a blended field brick matching the UH palette of buff brick used at the adjacent Cemo and Calhoun Lofts. Iron spot brick, in a color

complimentary to the accent brick in use at Calhoun Lofts, appears above and below the punched windows, and is slightly recessed from the field buff brick. Two stair towers, both clad in the accent iron spot brick, are located on the west and east sides of the building. A horizontal band of cast stone wrap the building at each floor line and provide further articulation.

The exterior glazing systems shall be either 4 1/2" or 7 1/2" aluminum frame or curtain wall systems where appropriate, and shall feature a clear anodized finish. One inch insulated vision and spandrel glazing units will be provided throughout. Metal panel "frames" will be provided at highlighted areas such as the Great Hall, Student Lounge, etc. The metal panels will be a dry joint system with a Kynar "pewter" color finish. The roof shall be a low slope system meeting University guidelines.

8. Proposed Start Date: Upon approval

Spencer Moore
Executive Director
Facilities Planning & Construction

Melissa Rockwell-Bellini
Executive Director
Facilities Management

Date: _____

Date: _____

Attachments



Voting Results:

- Motion Failed
- Motion Passed
- Motion Passed with the Following Modifications:

 Motion Deferred to a Future Meeting Pending Receipt of Additional Information:
