The Building Committee for the University Center-Sioux Falls Replacement Facilities met on July 27, 2010 via conference call with the following members participating: Jack Warner, Executive Director and CEO; Kathryn Johnson, Regent; Kristi Honeywell, State Engineer; James Abbott, President, USD; and Mark Lee, Executive Dean, UC-SF. Also participating were Bill Noordermeer, Office of the State Engineer; and Monte Kramer and Mary Turman, Board Office staff.

Dr. Warner called the meeting to order at 10:00 and Dr. Lee provided an overview of the project that is on a fast track process. Architecture Incorporated, Sioux Falls, is the architect of record and Sioux Falls Construction is the Construction Manager at Risk for the 50,000 square foot facility with an estimated cost of $10,137,500, authorized by the 2010 Legislature.

The Building Committee considered the footprint, siting and basic exterior design and elevations of the building so that it can proceed with bid packages for earthwork, foundation support (Geopiers), footings/foundations, and structural steel with precast panels; with the understanding that bids will not be accepted unless there is Board of Regents approval in August. The building will be 48,700 square feet including a 2,500 square foot rooftop mechanical space. It is hoped that the project can include a 1,200 square foot facilities shed for maintenance, equipment, storage, etc. The total square footage of the building cannot exceed 50,000. The building will include shell space of about 3,200 square feet for one science lab and 1,436 square feet of classroom space on the north end, and the southern-most breakout room.

The various university program coordinators have been engaged in reviewing the plans and are comfortable with the classroom space allocation. The new space will include more lab space, but fewer classrooms than in the current space being occupied at the shared facility with SETI, however, some computer lab space can be adapted to multi-purpose space for classes.

The building, when finished, will complement the existing buildings at the University Center site, but will not mirror the buildings. The building will include precast concrete, traditional brick, metal, as well as rough and polished quartzite.

IT WAS MOVED by State Engineer Honeywell, seconded by Regent Johnson to approve the “partial” facility design plan, based on the footprint, siting and basic exterior design and elevations of the building and proceed with bid packages. All members voting AYE with the exception of President Abbott. The MOTION CARRIED.