

AAUP

Ouachita Baptist University

September 9, 2009 Meeting

Brett Powell presented an update on campus construction:

The Student Village is complete, and continuing with housing construction is a top priority.

OBU had a significant gap between demand and structures. Before constructing the Village, all residence halls except Anthony and Maddox were at least 40 years old. Ernest Bailey and Conger still need to be replaced. Including Ernest Bailey and Conger, residence facilities are at 85% occupancy.

Construction will begin this fall on two buildings between Maddox and Flippen. They will have three stories, similar to Maddox, and will be less expensive than the Village. Each will house 70 students, with two to a room, 4 to a suite, and 24 sharing a living room on each floor.

Long-range plans include student apartments to be constructed in the two blocks on Hickory Street behind the Elrod Center.

Other future construction includes the plaza at the Village and a new pedestrian bridge. The new bridge will be 20 feet wide (The current bridge is 8 feet wide.) It will lead into the Village circle on the North Campus and between Walker Conference Center and McClellan on the main campus side. The old bridge is deteriorating and will not be structurally sound in the future. It will be torn down when the new bridge is complete. Work will begin on the new bridge in April 2010 and on the plaza in August 2010.

Construction of a building containing sixteen individual storage units is planned for this fall. The building will provide storage for equipment and a home for the bio-fuel project. Restrooms for soccer and intramural games can also be built inexpensively

Other projects include:

- Parking for the East Village
- A new sand volley ball lot
- A new awning for the Tiger Den
- A taller fence to cover mechanical equipment at the main entrance to Sturgis.

A road under the pedestrian bridge is not currently planned, and construction of a new maintenance complex has been postponed.

When time and money allow, future projects will include work on Lile, Berry, Frances Crawford, and student apartments.

Members who have paid dues for the 2009/2010 year are: Joe Bradshaw, Ray Franklin, Guyla Davis, Hal Bass, Randall Wight, Tom Auffenberg, Daniel Inouye, Linda Ruth Bass, Kevin Cornelius, Kathy Collins, Steve Garner, Stan Poole, Jeanie Curry, and Steve Phillips

Bank Balance as of September 9, 2009: \$774.91.

Submitted by Jeanie Curry, Secretary/Treasurer