

## Advisory Planning, Architecture, and Aesthetics Committee SEPT. 23, 2011 - MEETING OVERVIEW AND CONCLUSIONS

### IN ATTENDANCE:

**Committee members:** Susan Philips, Janet Riker, David McCaffrey, Steve Beditz, John Giarrusso, Catherine T. Lawson, Fardin Sanai, Christine Bouchard, Susanna Fessler

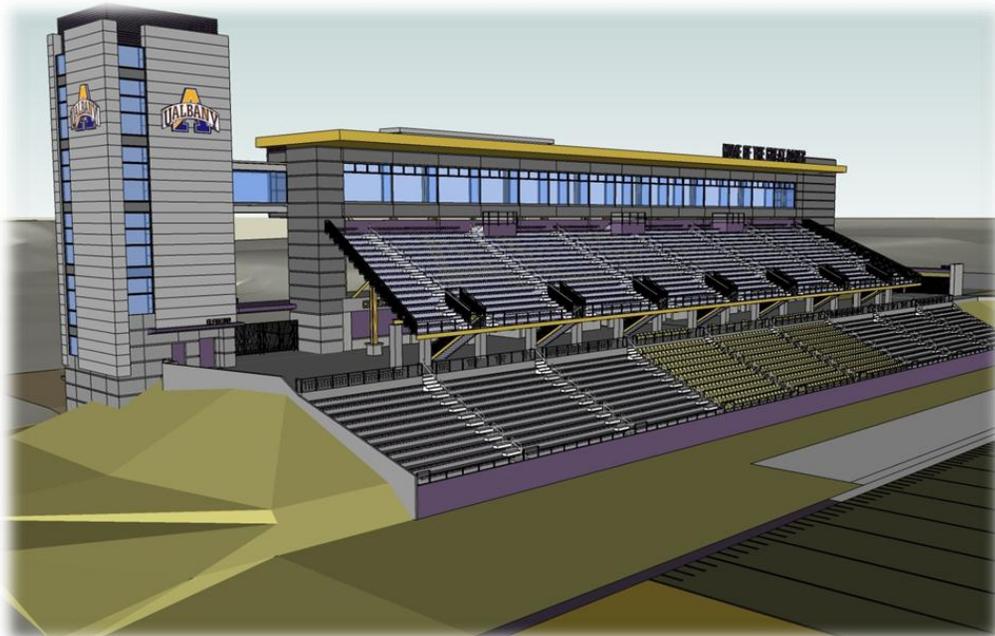
**UAlbany Staff:** Errol Millington, Evan Moon, H. David Radzyski

**Guests:** Eric Lifshin, Christopher McGrath (SUCF)

### 1. Athletic Fields Repair and Improvements – Project Update

*The committee was presented with the developments of the project's design and how it will integrate with the campus*

- John Giarrusso opened the agenda item by summarizing earlier discussions with APAAC regarding project needs and costs, that current concept design is scaled-down version.
- The history of the project's site selection process and decision of the final site location, adjacent to the SECFU Arena, was also discussed.
- Renderings of the Multipurpose Athletic Facility were presented to the committee as an update to the design of the facades. (See below).
- Façade material selections and fenestration style were described as those which complement those already found on campus, relating favorably to the proximate SECFU Arena, reinforcing the 'feel' of an athletic complex.



- Site design was discussed with the desire to create a central pedestrian path which would flank the new multi-purpose facility, strengthening the connection to the other athletic venues and to the Podium.
- The Committee accepted the design direction favorably with no objections.

## 2. University Data Center Relocation – Exterior Design Discussion

APAAC is presented with design renderings of the renovated Service Building C (the site of the new Data Center). The Committee is being asked to comment and provide feedback regarding the overall concept and specific landscaping elements.

- Christopher McGrath (SUCF) opened the agenda item by summarizing to the committee the need and reasons for relocating the existing Data Center rather than renovating the current space.
- The committee was reminded of the previous site selection process and study and of the final site location which was identified to be in the existing Commissary Building near the Physical Plant (pictured below). This building is in need of renovation itself and would easily allow for the insertion of mechanical space required for a data center.



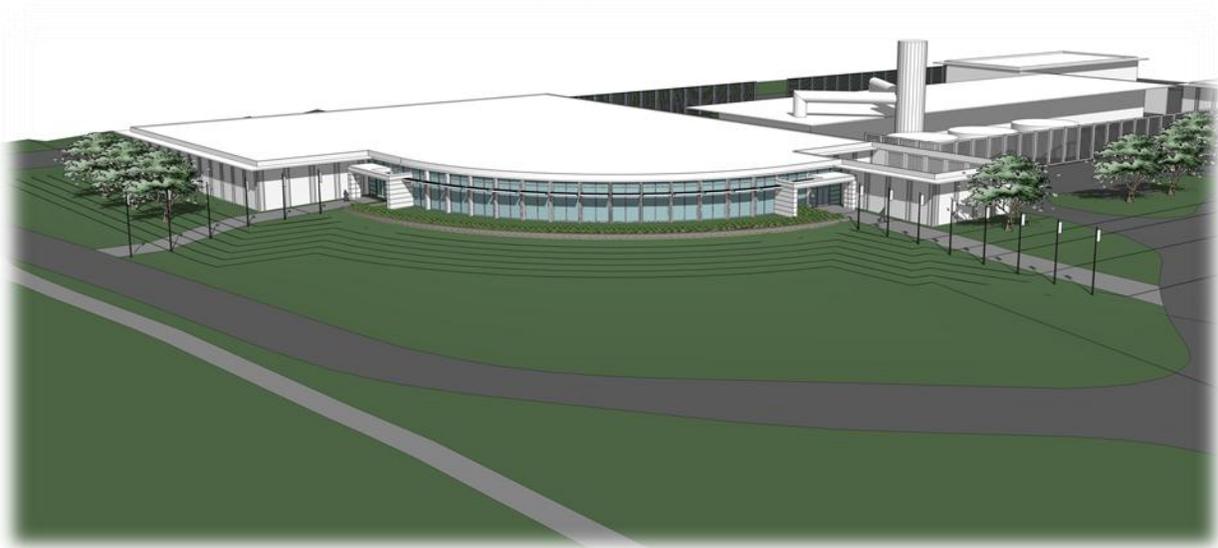
*Existing Service Building C*

- Exterior renderings of the current design were then presented to the committee for their information and feedback (see below).



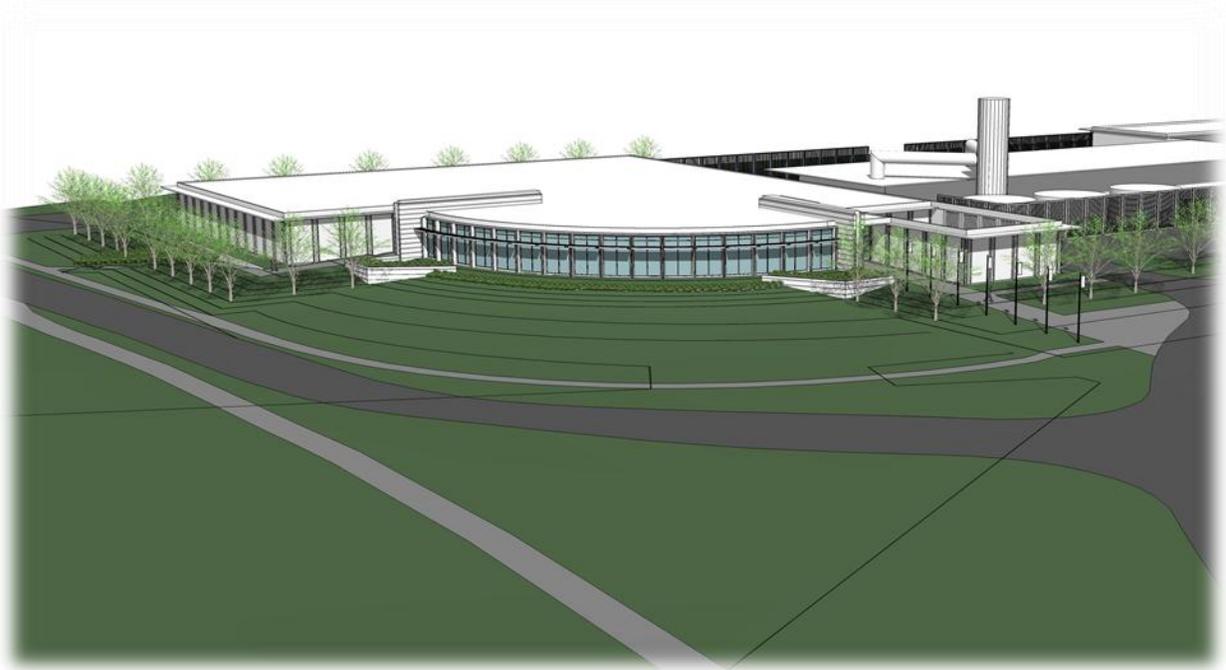
*New Data Center Main Entrance Rendering*

- The pre-cast panel and new window design is intended to match the rhythm of the original lines of the EDS service building design, but with a new curved addition, creating a dynamic, more welcoming and light-filled space.
- The IT/machine room space would be in the rear of the building, away from visitors and the new space/office functions.
- The overall design direction and aesthetic was very well received.
- The Committee was then asked for input on two landscaping options which coordinate with the building design. An existing grade difference exists between University Drive and the existing building. The design options to be considered by the Committee address this difference are as follows:
  - Option 1 included a retaining wall along the entire entrance façade of suitable material which gave the building the appearance of sitting upon a plinth. This retaining wall is approximately 30 inches high and would provide a garden area directly adjacent to the building façade.



*New Data Center Option 1 Site Rendering*

- Option 2 included a reduced length of retaining wall at each building entrance. The remainder of the façade would have a slight grassy slope which would allow the front lawn area to engage the building more. *This is the option the Committee preferred.*



*New Data Center Option 2 Site Rendering*