Members Present: Todd Lee, Rolf Christoffersen, Marc Fisher, Joel Michaelsen, Gene Lucas, Donna Carpenter, Richard Watts, Donna Coyne, John Wiemann, Michael Witherell, Vickie Scott, J.P. Primeau, Michael Young, David Marshall  
Members Absent: Bjorn Birnir, Amber Gonzalez, Michael Witherell  
Alternates Present: Deborah Fygenson

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS
Assistant Chancellor Todd Lee and the rest of the Committee congratulated Vice Chancellor Donna Carpenter on her retirement and service to UCSB for 37 years.

II. MINUTES
The minutes from February 24th were approved as written.

III. ACTION ITEMS
A. Emergency Generator Project and Site Approval
CPC recommended that the Chancellor approves the siting of the emergency generator, and that the campus should proceed with completing negotiations with Verizon Wireless for construction and installation of the emergency generator. It was noted that as the campus moves forward we should look into solar energy options.

B. Interpretive Center
CPC recommended that the Chancellor should approve the Preliminary Project Proposal for the Interpretive Center and that the project should move forward with solicitation of gifts and grant funding.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS
A. Preliminary Project Proposal Aquatics and Multipurpose Sports Facilities
Executive Vice Chancellor Gene Lucas introduced Athletic Director Mark Massari to the Committee. Director Massari gave an overview of the athletics department, emphasizing their need for expanded facilities. The athletics department has been fundraising for a new campus pool, as it has been identified as an important need by the campus and students for many years. Director Massari explained to the Committee that fundraising for the pool and aquatics center is much more difficult because the project will only attract a small donor base. He proposed an Aquatic Center, Multipurpose Sports facility, and Athletics area/ history walk as a comprehensive project, which will attract all athletics donors and meet the needs of the athletics department. Every piece of the project will be privately fundraised; no student fees or campus support will be used.

Director Massari explained that the Multipurpose Sports Facility will function primarily as a practice space for our basketball and volleyball teams. This practice facility will provide our basketball and volleyball student athletes and coaches with more flexibility with practice schedules and locate the facility in proximity to the ICA Building which houses the training facility. Director Massari expressed to the committee that the current athletics facilities have some major disadvantages. One example gave was that there are 450 student athletics who workout at the ICA building everyday, but the building has no showers. The need for a new aquatics facility stems from systemic problems with the 54 year old Campus pool. The need for
the multipurpose practice court facility is supported by increased demand for hardwood courts and logistical issues associated with decentralized sports facilities and venues. Having inadequate sports facility makes it difficult to recruit the best athletes and coaches.

Director Massari stressed that a project that would benefit all athletics teams would allow for a greater donor base, generating more capital. Larger donors are more likely to support volleyball or basketball then aquatic sports on campus. Right now, the only gift the department currently has is from a group of football donors. These types of donors are more interested in an athletics area to celebrate athletics with a history walk. To solidify these gift funds, the department needs architectural rendering to help with fundraising. The athletics department hopes to hire an architect to do pre-design studies and develop fundraising materials.

Director Massari introduced several student athletes to the Committee to share their experiences. Student athletes experience further academic hardships when practice times are limited due to inadequate space. With more facilities, coaches can work better with the athletes’ academic schedules to avoid time conflicts. He also introduced a women’s basketball coach who explained the difficulty in recruiting with limited practice space. She cannot guarantee to new recruits that they can take whatever classes they want and graduate in four years.

Director Martie Levy explained the history of siting the new campus pool. The pool has been sited closer to the ICA building in order for the fields to expand in proximity to each other. Associate Vice Chancellor Marc Fisher explained the site study on page 8 of the agenda packet. Director Levy explained that this is the Preliminary Project Proposal where the purpose of the presentation is to present the need, benefits to the campus and request the committee recommend to the Chancellor that this merits moving forward as addressing a real need of the campus. The next phase would be to hire a consultant for further site study and present the studies findings to CPC along with an estimated budget and funding plan.

President of Associated Students, J.P Primeau, said students are very passionate supporters of the new pool and the practice facility project. Executive Dean David Marshall expressed faculty concerns that the current pool will still be in use when ESSB is occupied. Director Levy added freeing up space in Rob gym will benefit the campus in terms of community relations.

Assistant Chancellor Lee concluded the discussion by making a few clarifications: firstly, the aquatic and practice facility will be privately funded facilities (both operating and capital) and the athletics department will need to fundraise for an endowment; secondly, the practice facility would free up time for other student uses in Rob gym and the Events Center; thirdly, this study will look at all of the siting options including a stand alone building, a building attached or some modifications in Rob gym that would allow all the programs to operate plus the additional space for practice. Associate Vice Chancellor Fisher will send out a larger site map for Committee members to review. Assistant Chancellor Lee expressed his concern that the aquatics portion of the project should not take a back seat because it is a crucial campus priority.

B. 2010-2015 Five-Year State Funded Capital Program
Director Levy announced that she and her colleagues expect that the freeze on state funds will be lifted by the summer. She reported that while the Governor’s proposed budget included State funding in 2009- for the Davidson Library, the approved 2009-10 State budget has no capital funding for the University. Director Levy’s Five-Year State Capital Program presentation was assuming that we are not successful in getting any funded next year for the capital program. This capital program shows the Library as moved out until 2010-11. Phelps Hall will
be vacated this summer and fall with no money for renovations. Currently, the Capital Development Office is redoing the space plan so the campus can get the maximum benefit from the vacated space. She has put the construction dollars for Phelps in 2010-11.

Director Levy told the Committee that the campus has a need of $170 million with a target expected to be about $111 million. To address this challenge, Director Levy suggests that we have a balanced program, with renewal, infrastructure and new building options. The campus cannot ignore renewal and campus infrastructure needs as they are necessary and seem to be the current trend in capital planning. But also, the campus needs to have many categories in case the State shifts priorities. Our campus has not gotten a call letter yet from OP. For now, we are assuming that the target will not increase.

To reduce our program down to $111 million, one option is to move out all the projects by one year. Executive Vice Chancellor Lucas expressed that he believes the campus should prioritize getting the projects on the top of the list funded first. Due to delay in funding, the campus will likely occupy Ellison Hall when vacated without renovations. Other strategies the campus is pursuing is splitting Infrastructure Phase II into a non-state and state-funded project so that some work can proceed, rather than wait for state funding. This will result in more phases, which will lead to a longer disruption to the campus core. All campuses try to maximize money from the State in early years of the Five-Year Program. The difference now is that we’ve never had an $800 million State backlog before. The Five-Year State Funded Program will come back next month.

C. Classroom and Class Lab Utilization
Director Levy’s office has been working closely with staff in all departments to update classroom and class lab utilization data. Classroom utilization has increased each year, with current utilization up from 75% to 78%. The most dramatic change has been in teaching lab utilization, which has gone from 76% to 97%. The increase was largely due to corrections in the data. This is very positive in that the data now reflects what is happening on campus and will enable the campus to justify additional teaching lab space in future new academic buildings and in building renewals. There was concern expressed that this level of utilization will have negative impacts on instruction. The Executive Vice Chancellor is working with the Office of the Registrar and The Letters and Science Office of Undergraduate Education to look at a better way of scheduling classes to get greater utilization with the space we already have over a period of time.

IV. INFORMATION & FOLLOW-UP ITEMS
A. Update on Campus Sustainability
Associate Vice Chancellor Ron Cortez presented on the Chancellor appointed Campus Sustainability Committee. He gave a brief history of the Committee, which has met almost every week with good participation from faculty members. The Committee provides a space for all sustainability groups on campus to share with each other the work they do on campus. Some of the subcommittees include Ecometriks Program, the Greenhouse gas management subcommittee, the Baseline survey subcommittee and the Recycle Standardization subcommittee. The Committee is focusing the campus to look at wind energy and a combination of photovoltaics as key sources of future energy. The Committee is currently assessing prioritization. At end of this quarter, the Committee plans to develop a list of priorities and make recommendations to the Chancellor. Associate Vice Chancellor Cortez explained that the Committee is looking at the education component of sustainability as well as the how we function/operate as a sustainable campus.
B. Storm water Management Plan
The Storm Water Management Plan is a piece of regulation required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board that will impact construction in the future. Associate Vice Chancellor Cortez explained that the Storm Water General Permit is a statewide permit that regulates storm water discharges from UCSB to waters of the U.S. (in our case Goleta Slough). After the permit is issued, we are required to develop a Storm Water Management Plan. We are in the Central Cost Region (Region 3). Eventually all UC campuses will have similar requirement.

C. Status Report: Special Projects Subcommittee
No report.

D. Status Report: Design Review Committee
No report.

E. Status Report: Faculty & Staff Housing
Assistant Chancellor Lee reported that 16 proposals were submitted for the Sierra Madre Family Housing project. They are currently evaluating these proposals with the goal of short-listing 5 firms, which will be invited to the campus for interviews. Assistant Chancellor Lee updated the Committee on North Campus: the Olson company has had difficulty finding the necessary financing. Just in the last few weeks, the Olson Company has come up with an equity partner, but the partner wants to revisit the terms of the ground lease. The project is scheduled to get to the Coastal Commission at the end of the month.

F. Status Report: Student Housing
No report.

G. Status Report: Major Capital Projects
Attached.

H. Long Range Development Plan- vision 2025
No report.

V. Correspondence
Next meeting will be held on May 26, 2009

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM
Minutes taken by Jasmine Weiss, Office of Budget & Planning