Campus Planning Committee
April 24, 2012 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Minutes

Members Present: Todd Lee, Gene Lucas, Henning Bohn, Marc Fisher, Tania Israel, David Marshall, Rod Alferness, Michael Witherell, Michael Young, Linda Flegal

Members Absent: Gary Leal, Joel Michaelsen, Gayle Binion, Ron Cortez, Beverly Colgate, Richard Watts, Diana Dyste Anzures, Harrison Weber

Alternates Present: None

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant Chancellor Lee shared news that the Davidson Library scope change and augmentation has been approved by the University of California Office of the President (UCOP). Lease Revenue Bonds (LRBs) will be issued to finance the project.

Senior Associate Vice Chancellor Fisher announced a student forum to gather ideas about how the University Center (UCen) could better serve the campus. The Student Engagement Center is on the Associated Students Fee Initiative ballot this week, the Center is proposed to be located on a site opposite the Student Resource Building. One of the goals of the student forum is to discover if some proposed functions of the Student Engagement Center could be housed in the existing UCen. Pfeiffer Partners architects are leading the student forum and helping the campus with the investigation. Information gathering on the project has included stakeholder interviews, a tabling session on the library mall and placement of comment boards throughout the UCen.

II. MINUTES

The minutes from February 28, 2012 were approved as written.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Anacapa Fire Life Safety Renewal
The Committee, by consensus, recommends that the Chancellor approve the Anacapa Fire Life Safety Renewal project. The project will upgrade fire and life safety systems, exterior windows, floor finishes, lighting, and window and wall coverings. The project also provides low voltage data/communication and cable TV wiring and kitchen upgrades.

B. Jameson Café/Bistro
The Committee, by consensus, recommends that the Chancellor approve the Jameson Café/Bistro project. The renewal of the Jameson Community Center will enhance technology infrastructure, modernize kitchen equipment, perform improvements to the interior finishes and add flexible lounge furnishings.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

N/A
V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Update on Capital Needs – Mathematical, Life and Physical Sciences
Dean Wiltzius presented the capital needs for Mathematical, Life and Physical Sciences (MLPS). MLPS consists of 13 academic units with 245 permanent allocated faculty FTE. Approximately 1/3 of the undergraduates on the campus are in the sciences, this number has grown significantly over the past six years or so. The division has 6 departments in the top 20 of the NRC Rankings, 3 are in the top 10.

MLPS does not have enough space for all of its departments and the quality of some existing spaces is unsuitable for 21st century research. Many of the buildings currently occupied were built in the 1960s, in a different era of research and do not have modern environmental controls: temperature, moisture, air quality, vibration, and clean room environments. The most impacted buildings are Broida, Bio II and the Chemistry buildings.

Using the UCSD space model to project space needs, Dean Wiltzius, illustrated the total current unmet space need for MLPS is 22,216 ASF (Physics is the most impacted department). The model projects that the division will have a space needs deficit of approximately 119,955 ASF by 2020.

Renovation of spaces is often necessary to bring facilities up to the modern standards faculty need to conduct high level research. The total space renovated by MLPS to accommodate faculty is 11,063 ASF across all departments. Renovation at the small scale will continue in order to keep up with faculty requirements. In response, Dean Alferness suggested renovating floor by floor as opposed to lab by lab. Senior Associate Vice Chancellor Fisher suggested that a comprehensive plan to address building deficiencies would be better for the occupants but wouldn’t necessarily be more cost effective as displacing a whole floor of a building creates a surge space issue.

Top priorities for MLPS include the New Physics/Engineering Building and a renewal of Bio II. The Physics/Engineering Building is being proposed as a joint venture between MLPS and the College of Engineering (COE). The campus’ Capital Financial Plan (CFP) lists the new building as providing approximately 70,000ASF. Although space for CIRM and ARC has been upgraded in Bio II, floors 1-3 are dilapidated and in need of renewal. Bio II could be done incrementally with grant financing.

Additional priorities include a renovation of Phelps Hall to address Geography’s need for lab space. Ellison Hall and Webb Hall are aging and need renovation. A renovation of Webb Hall would also include an addition. Future priorities include a new Mathematical Sciences Building and a renewal of the Chemistry Building.

Dean Wiltzius finished his presentation by showing comparison examples of existing dilapidated lab space and newly renovated modern lab space.

B. Update on Capital Needs – Social Sciences
Dean Oliver presented the capital needs for Social Sciences (SS). SS has numerous PhD granting departments, several of them are interdisciplinary. Many areas that have been excelling
over the past 5-7 years, examples include; Feminist Studies, which has one of the first PhD programs of its kind in the country, and Global Studies which gained an award from the Orfalea Foundation to put a Master’s program together, the department is being urged to move towards PhD program which would likely become ranked no.1 in the country. Traditional departments are also improving in all areas. Communications, for instance, went from unranked to being ranked in the top 3.

Work conducted by SS is about human life and society. SS wants to engage the community on public issues and encourage discussion. The Broom Center for Social Demography has been open for 6 months and has resulted in faculty, with a range of specialties conducting similar studies, coming together to work collaboratively. Scholarship is getting cited by several prestigious publications such as The Economist, NPR, The Nation and the WSJ.

To attract and retain excellent faculty the division needs high quality, well maintained facilities with appropriate technology and room configurations.

Dean Oliver emphasized the need to implement the Education and Social Sciences Building release space plan that provided some additional space in South Hall and HSSB to support limited growth. SS is not able to adequately provide space for the temporary faculty needed to support increased enrollments and instructional workload. Ethnic and Feminist Studies need to be collocated, and Phelps, Ellison and South Hall all need renewal. Dean Oliver also cited a need for high quality classrooms campus wide, as well as specialized research labs, equipment and support space.

SS would like a building that provides versatile instruction and research space that can encourage interdisciplinary collaboration; lab space for modern research; visiting scholar space; faculty-graduate team space for special projects, and an outreach center to connect the campus and community. Other universities are already developing such facilities, for example, University of Southern California is building a new facility for social science and humanities research. Dean Oliver anticipates SS’s space needs to be approximately 30,000-45,000 ASF.

C. Update on Capital Needs – Humanities & Fine Arts

Dean Marshall presented the capital needs for Humanities and Fine Arts (HFA). HFA is in many ways two divisions in one, having both Arts and Humanities—departments range from traditional to innovative, interdisciplinary and creative. HFA has an interdisciplinary culture were faculty are involved not only in their departments but also in centers that cut across departments, divisions and colleges on campus. Of the 10 HFA programs included in the NRC rankings, 6 entered in the top 15 and 3 more were in the top 21.

HFA students make up approximately 32% of the total student FTE. HFA faculty make up about 35% of the total allocated faculty FTE. The department has 28% of L&S Divisional space, half of which is specialized space in the Arts the remaining half is traditional office/classroom space.

Creation of administrative support centers merged support staff for several departments in Phelps Hall, South Hall and HSSB. This required repurposed and flexible space that could
accommodate the new support centers. Released space gives new opportunities to renew space for departmental labs, common rooms, centers and research.

The Arts Building is in the middle of seismic renewal project. The building is a successful example of how a project that started as a seismic only fix and then had scope added, resulted in greatly improved aesthetics and use of space.

The Hatlen Theatre’s lighting was dangerously close to putting it at risk of losing accreditation. Donor funding was secured to upgrade the lighting equipment and bathrooms. Once these fixes were completed there was enough funding remaining to replace the seating, carpeting, and paint (interior/exterior). The renewal is an example of how a relatively small investment can vastly improve the quality of space.

The 2003 release space plan was scheduled to begin in 2008 and was to address shortages in space, revive impacted locations, collocate units by discipline, consolidate departmental space, replace 50 year old building systems and renew interiors. Currently 49% of planned ASF allocation has been made available to L&S. As there is now uncertainty of securing State funding for capital projects, the campus needs to reassess how to accommodate the original needs as well as the evolved needs of the Divisions since the release plan was first envisioned almost 10 years ago.

A major priority for HFA is the Music Building. It is one of the oldest buildings on campus and consists of 2 wings and 3 stories with courtyards between. The 1954 wing of the building is rated seismically poor. The 1966 wing meets fair rating however needs upgrades. The quality of the space is all subpar for a UC facility. In 2004 CPC recommended the urgent need for renewal of the Music Building before the seismic issues were identified. In 2005 architects were hired to perform a study, which led to the discovery of the seismically poor condition. This resulted in the Music Building being placed on the 5-year State-funded Capital Improvement Plan in 2007 as top priority.

It would cost approximately $3 million to address the seismic issues (alone) in the 1955 wing of the building. This would displace the department for several months and return it to same dilapidated space once seismic remediation work was completed. Dean Marshall is very concerned by any plan that would involve disruption to programs and result in no upgrades to classrooms and public performance space. This seismic repair plan is not considerate of the programs in the 1966 wing that need quiet space for work and performances; these programs could not remain in the building while there is nearby construction. Dean Marshal would like to apply a ‘seismic plus’ solution once funding is available - to address seismic issues and improve the quality of interior spaces, similar to the Arts Building project currently under construction.

VI. INFORMATION & FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Status Report: Special Projects Subcommittee
N/A
Status Report: Design Review Committee
DRC meets tomorrow to review the Sierra Madre Housing project and to review the DPP conceptual design for the Faculty club.

Status Report: Faculty & Staff Housing
Almost all of the 22 units at North Campus Faculty Housing are occupied (one unit is currently in escrow). Phase 2 construction is underway. Site grading has commenced and lot lines are being identified. The majority of the utilities are now in place.

Status Report: Student Housing
The San Joaquin project has slowed due to the investigation of geologic fault lines. The Sierra Madre project is through Schematic Design and proceeding to DRC. The fire life safety project for Santa Rosa is due to commence this summer. A similar project for Anacapa will follow next summer.

Status Report: Major Capital Projects
Report attached.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.
Minutes taken by Michael McGrogan, Office of Budget & Planning