Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2018- 2:00pm-4:00pm

Location: SB Harbor Room

Members Present: Chuck Haines, Ann Jensen Adams, Margaret Klawunn, Martin Shumaker, Patricia Fumerton, David Paul, Pierre Wiltzius, Henning Bohn, David Marshall, Joel Michaelsen, Beverly Colgate, Rod Alferness

Members Absent: Hieu Le, Joe Incandela, David Stamps

Alternates Present: Frank Castanha, Tim Sherwood

I. Announcements

A. State Budget Review

Acting Assistant Chancellor, Finance and Resource Management, Chuck Haines reported on the state budget. Although there are no new developments, revisions are due in mid-May. UC students and university officials are working to persuade state lawmakers to restore annual funding from 3% to 4%. This includes a permanent tuition buy-out. The chancellor of the CSU system recently announced that its Board of Trustees will no longer consider a proposal to raise student fees in 2018-19. The state reported revenue in excess of anticipated numbers, and UC hopes for increased funding as a result. The Riverside and Santa Cruz campuses are making progress towards meeting the goal of a two-to-one ratio of California freshmen to transfer student enrollment. Once achieved, UC will have met all the state’s recommendations in order for the release of $50M in this year’s budget.

II. Minutes

The minutes from March 27, 2018 were approved with the following insertion: “The committee commented on the importance of making maximum use of any available building site and addressing as many space needs as possible in any project.”
III. Consent Item (none)

IV. Action Items (none)

V. Discussion Items

A. Capital Needs Presentation: College of Engineering (R. Alferness)

Dean Rod Alferness gave a slide presentation on the space needs for the College of Engineering (COE). The college comprises six departments and 20 centers and institutes. Graduate students account for one third of Engineering’s student body, a ratio that sets COE apart from every other program on campus. As a rule, COE educates graduate students in the laboratory, which has major implications towards the kind of space the college requires.

COE’s laboratories are “space intensive.” They must accommodate a wide range of activities and equipment and provide room for instruction to large groups of students. Labs require contiguous, modern and specialized space for which temperature control and environmental stability are key components.

Quality space is also a critical means of hiring and retaining the best faculty. Over the last decade, assistant professors from UCSB have won more career awards per capita than any other university. The college is mindful that space deficiencies could place it at risk of losing talented faculty to other institutions.

A 2016-17 space assessment model determined COE has an unmet need of 128,204 ASF. This represents 59%. In the absence of state funding, COE proactively takes measures to mitigate the space deficiencies with new and renovated building projects. Recent projects include the BioEngineering Building and the Materials Research Lab.

Completed last fall, the BioEngineering Building added approximately 35,000 ASF of lab space for COE and MLPS. Funded by the Garamendi model, the project assumes indirect cost recovery from future grants.
COE similarly used donor and industry funding to renovate the MRL building’s existing patio to create a new Low Temperature Materials Characterization Lab that accommodates over $1M in research equipment.

CEO’s next project, Henley Hall, will soon begin construction. Completely donor funded, it will consist of 17 labs designed for collaborative research in energy efficiency and add 31,000 ASF to the college’s programs. Campus expects completion of Henley Hall in 2020.

Currently in the planning phase is the Engineering III Building (EIII), a state-funded project on the campus’ 10 Year Capital Financial Plan. Upon completion, it will add 70-75,000 ASF to COE’s programs and establish a home for the Materials Department. Its labs will need to be flexible, stable, and temperature-sensitive to accommodate large, complicated equipment.

Dean Alferness noted the project’s challenge with respect to the building site just west of Building 489 and south of Mesa Road. Consultants’ work on the Detailed Project Program (DPP) has uncovered problematic set-back requirements and other restrictions. Studies further indicate that the location of Building 489, which coincidentally accommodates COE with 5,000 ASF of graduate student office space, compromises an optimal massing scheme for EIII. COE must weigh its short-term vs long-term priorities to inform a decision about removal of Building 489. COE seeks Campus’ assistance to mitigate the loss in space.

Projections indicate that upon completion of EIII, COE will still face an unmet space need of 12%, excluding growth.

Dean Alferness mentioned the college lacks undergraduate teaching and Capstone projects lab space for which there is no funding stream to cover upgrades and renovations. Growing undergraduate enrollment creates a bottleneck of crowded and outdated lab space.

The EVC commended the BioEngineering, Henley Hall and CNSI projects for having planned their spaces around research programs as opposed to people or departments, which reflects a flexible and efficient planning model for the campus.

Dean Alferness added that COE’s did not count space in Elings Hall (CNSI) in the model. He expressed a need for innovative, multi-purpose labs that consolidate the needs of undergraduate
teaching and provide daily flexibility. In closing, he confirmed a plan to relocate the mechanical engineering shop from the Arts building into EII upon completion of EIII.

A. Capital Needs Presentation: Intercollegiate Athletics (J. McCutcheon)

Athletic Director John McCutcheon gave a slide presentation on Intercollegiate Athletics, its facilities and plans to address space needs. The mission of the program is to help provide students the best academic/athletic and personal experience. Facilities should be safe and provide training venues that allow students to compete within the conference and nationally. McCutcheon described past and planned renovations of the following venues:

1) Harder Stadium is a 52 year old facility in need of continuous maintenance and renovation in order to provide a safe, quality space for university events and athletic contests. It is currently in the middle of a donor-funded upgrade to host the 2018 and 2020 NCAA College Cup Men’s Soccer Championship. Athletics already completed a renovation to the men’s and women’s soccer locker rooms, new goals, a reconditioned field, and a media room. The department has launched a $1M fundraising campaign to support the following planned improvements: seating upgrades, exterior painting, exterior fencing, relocation of the ticket booth, sidewalk improvements, repaving Stadium Road, video board upgrades, additional locker room space and a permanent speaker system.

2) Soccer Practice Field: The department teamed with Student Affairs to complete this $650,000 project to convert the field from artificial to natural grass through private funding.

3) Gauchos Park Master Plan includes Ceasar Uyesaka Stadium, Campus Softball Diamond and Recreation Field. A lack of bathroom facilities and concessions poses a major challenge to Gauchos Park. With limited seating, and no competition lighting, it cannot accommodate NCAA post-season games. The undersized grass recreation field has insufficient drainage. It has been 25 years since the last comprehensive upgrade to these facilities. Completed projects include reconditioned fields, signage, fencing, backstop netting, batting cage lights, batting cage netting and painting the scoreboard. Planned projects include a renovated baseball stadium and a new, relocated softball stadium to include lights,
stadium seating, field, concessions, restrooms, equipment storage, softball clubhouse, batting cage, and a new, relocated natural grass rec field. Athletics is working with an architect to improve in phases the layout between the baseball and the softball field. The cost is $30M.

4) Pauley Track was renovated in partnership with Recreation and funded by a $2.9M referendum. Phase 1 included lighting, track resurfacing and renovation of field competition areas. The next phase involves a new storage facility, spectator seating, scoreboard, grand entry plaza/gate, landscaping, exterior fencing. The estimated project cost is $3M for the 44 year old track.

5) The Aquatics Center is a practice and competition venue for swimming and water polo programs. It is also a resource for campus and community groups. Replacing the 75 year old pool is a necessity. Upgrades to create a 65 meter competition and practice facility for the campus will include spectator seating and basic fan amenities at a projected cost of $15M.

6) Tennis Facility, currently the men’s and women’s tennis teams have no true home courts. None of the existing tennis courts on campus provides a quality competition venue. Blackbird Architects completed a study to confirm feasibility for a new facility. It identified a site and confirmed the feasibility between a track, and rec fields and proposed new aquatics center at a cost of $6.5M. There are motivated donors.

7) The ThunderDome is a 40 year old facility that provides a practice and competition venue for basketball, volleyball, and other campus events and activities. Completed projects include a center scoreboard, new flooring, a renovated locker room, a renovated media room, and furniture upgrades at a cost of $1.5M. Planned improvements include a video board, chair-back seating, and renovated locker room for men’s basketball. Fundraising is 33% in place.
8) Rob Gym serves as a practice and competition venue for men’s volleyball. Additionally, club sports, faculty, staff, community and students also use the facility. Completed renovations include a refinished floor, painting, signage, lighting and roof repairs. Planned improvements include a public address system and renovated locker rooms.

9) ICA Building serves as home to the Athletics departments. Improvements include a weight room renovation and office expansion at a cost of $225,000. Phase Two includes new flooring and additional equipment to serve all varsity sports at a cost of $150,000.

McCutcheon named renovations to Harder Stadium as the first priority followed by the need for a new video board for the ThunderDome.

VI. Information & Follow-up Items

A. Status Report: Special Projects Subcommittee (B. Colgate)

No report

B. Status Report: Design Review Committee (J. Michaelson)

Final negotiations are underway with a third-party developer for the Ocean Walk Faculty Housing Project. Campus expects a schedule for the project this fall.

C. Status Report: Faculty & Staff Housing (J. Michaelson)

No report

D. Status Report: Student Housing (R. Watts)

No report

E. Follow up Items:

1) The committee will hear the capital needs presentation of Graduate Division. It will conclude the Capital Needs Presentations with a review of each division’s capital needs.

2) UCOP is in contact with gubernatorial candidates regarding a possible return to state funding through general obligation bonds under the next administration.
F. The Chancellor is currently appointing a building committee to the Classroom Building project. Campus expects planning to begin soon.

G. Status Report: Major Capital Projects *(attached)*

**II. Correspondence**

Meeting adjourned at 3:16p.m.

Minutes taken by Carolyn Franco, Office of Budget & Planning