

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER
BOULDER CAMPUS PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting of February 14, 2008

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission (BCPC) met on Thursday, February 14, 2008, in Regent Administrative Center, Room 302.

Members present were: Maren Additon, Matthew Beres; Deb Coffin, Noel Cummings, Larry Hill, Steve Jones, Paul Leef, Tony Mastellone for Gregg Lundgren, Keith Maskus, Steve McNally, Phil Simpson, Robin Suits, Cindy White, Richard Wobbekind, and Karen Lorimer. Members absent were: Steve Bruns, Charles Gilford, Michael Lightner, Evan Litvin, Russ Moore, and Joseph Rosse.

Guests present were: John Culshaw, Norlin Library; Carlos Garcia, University Memorial Center; Kim Glasscock, *Silver & Gold*; Thomas Goodhew, Facilities Planning; Larry Hill, Staff Council, FACMAN; Curt Huetson, Housing & Dining Services; Casey Jones, Parking and Transportation Services; Bill Kaempfer, Academic Affairs; Carl Koval, Energy Initiative; Tom McGann, Athletics; Chad Novak, H&L Architects; Brad Queen, Student; Richelle Reilly, Planning, Facilities Management; and Jim Williams, Norlin Library.

1. **MINUTES** – Coffin presided and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2007. Jones moved to approve the December minutes; McNally seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The BCPC did not meet in January.
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT** – Coffin announced that 2008 is going to be a very busy year and that she would like to talk about moving some of the BCPC meetings because CEC has scheduled their meetings before BCPC eight times this year. We will address this at the end of the meeting. Coffin thanked Bill Kaempfer for his long dedicated service to BCPC and offered a formal resolution of thanks.

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission wishes to express its sincere thanks and gratitude to Bill Kaempfer for his service as Chair of the Commission. His leadership, perception, and integrity have all contributed significantly to the efforts of the Commission to meet its responsibilities to the university community.

The following resolution is offered to honor Bill Kaempfer's dedicated service as BCPC Chair:

WHEREAS, Bill Kaempfer has served as Chair of BCPC since January 2002, and has agreed to attend BCPC meetings and Executive Committee Agenda Setting meetings indefinitely, and

WHEREAS, Bill Kaempfer will continue to serve as a member of BCPC representing Academic Affairs,

THEREFORE, the BCPC wishes to thank Bill Kaempfer for his contributions to the Commission and to the campus, and wishes him all the best.

The resolution was unanimously approved.

3. **CHANCELLOR'S COMMITTEE FOR ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY (CCEES)** – Dave Newport, Chair of CU Carbon Neutrality Working Group gave a Power Point presentation on the Chancellor's Committee for Energy & Sustainability (CCEES). Newport said that the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment is a national campaign to fight against

global warming that will shape the 21st century. With a goal of 1,000 signatories by 2009, there are currently 492 from 48 states representing all sizes and types of institutions. Chancellor Peterson has appointed a group of people who are experts in different areas to develop a “plan to have a plan” to meet carbon neutrality within two years. There are collateral benefits to this plan and there are challenges to creating such a plan. They would like to create a robust sustainability plan, integrating the government’s CAP goals. They would also integrate with Flagship 2030. In the first two months the committee will create institutional structures. Within the first year, a complete inventory of emissions will be done. Within two years they will develop an institutional action plan and initiate two of seven suggested actions.

Leef asked what broad spectrum they are taking into consideration in relation to carbon neutrality. Newport said that 80% will come from building energy, and 20% from travel. There are ways to mitigate behavior like asking everyone to turn off the lights. Leef commented that it is essential that all new buildings are energy efficient. Newport said that they must change the nature of the energy supply. Leef asked what the risks to the University would be if they do not implement the plan. Newport said there could be a carbon tax implemented in the future – Xcel Energy anticipates there could be a \$26 per ton carbon tax by 2030, which would be 2½¢ per kilowatt hour. There could also be a “brand risk” – we need to maintain standing with peer universities as being a sustainable institution.

4. **NORLIN COMMONS PHASE 1 SCHEMATIC DESIGN** – Simpson introduced the projects. He noted that there were two projects – the Information Commons and a maintenance project to repair Norlin Plaza – that can be combined to make a real improvement to the library. H & L Architecture will detail the commons and the outside will be done in-house by Richelle Reilly, the CU Boulder campus Landscape Architect. Simpson introduced Tom Goodhew who presented the plan. Goodhew said that the project will bring the library up-to-date to the electronic age which is what drives students’ lives. Students want a 24/7 place to work and study and use resources. They will clear out the reference materials to proceed with the project. There will be a new entry off of 18th Street and Colorado Avenue. The Plaza will bring a lively outdoor space in conjunction with the inside space. There will be an entry at the side of the Plaza with a Coffee Shop inside to draw students in. Hill asked if the existing revolving doors would be eliminated. Goodhew answered that they would not be eliminated in this phase – there will be five phases. They will also renovate the east half of the second floor and move reference and periodicals upstairs. The goal of the Commons coffee shop is to create a “lantern in the dark” to invite students in. There will be some security after hours. Jones asked if the entire library would be open; Goodhew said not the entire library, just the Commons café area with study carrels, computer labs and current periodicals.

Reilly presented the plan for the outside space. The Plaza space is 20,000 sq ft. Norlin is now wireless, allowing the outside to become study space. They want to draw students to the area. The proposal is to remove the concrete paving and replace it. They will use brick paving materials to improve the center area. They will add tables and chairs like at Dalton Trumbo Fountain. The sundial will stay and they will add an interactive water feature. The area will be taken off of the storm water grid; vehicles will not be allowed. McNally inquired about the lighting; Reilly said we would add lighting and investigate LED lights. Sandstone paving with wisdom inspiring quotes will be added in the plaza.

Williams said the library project had been in planning for awhile; he thinks the new library will be a magnet for students as well as a campus network location. Maskus asked what the information technology would be. Williams said there will be neighborhood vestibules and a cyber café with

appropriate work spaces with terminals available. There will be a help desk with IT help that is visible. It will accommodate a program for writing and rhetoric. Maskus asked if more space would be added. Williams said space will be reallocated and there will be flexible classrooms dedicated to students. There will be six technology enhanced team rooms with collaborative space on the east. There will be an LCD panel with fixed computers that display on screen for students to work together. The classrooms will be laptop based with moveable chairs; they want to create a space that celebrates the teaching style on campus. There will be dedicated graduate study space. Jones asked if graduate space is open 24 hours; Williams said currently it is not open 24 hours. Kaempfer commented that he would like to see more specifics about the café so they could determine the cost more accurately. He has questions about who will run the café and what the contract will be; currently the café is under Housing management. McNally asked if they would be managed internally. Williams wants some one other than Norlin staff to run the café and would like to share revenue. McNally recommended that they approach the process holistically. Culshaw said they would work with Buying & Contracting. It is a campus centric concern to have it be a campus experience. Simpson often hears that “we need coffee” and a place to go to be connected and have informal discussions. We need to scrutinize where we have facilities and where they can be distributed – create a “Starbucks” experience on campus and make sure that we evaluate the cost appropriately. Williams commented that whoever is there will support the coffee shop.

Williams introduced Chad Novak from H&L Architects. Novak said that the notion is to create a new energy for students to collaborate and communicate and gather. Williams said that his greatest fear is that it will not be big enough because the building was built in 1940. This is only the first step – 70% of what the library acquires today is electronic. This would be the place that would satisfy the need to interact. Additon asked how many it would seat. Culshaw said 180 seats are planned; it will be laptop intensive to accommodate the large percentage of students who use laptops. Culshaw said they will have a lot of flexibility – they will have 150 laptops and bean bag chairs in the social academic space. Huetson asked if they have identified the study carrels. Goodhew said they are considering purchasing Herman Miller furniture and that traditional carrels are not desired. Novac said he has looked at other universities and that the universities that had flexibility in seating had the most participation; there is a changing paradigm with how students study. Jones asked if construction would impact orientation. Williams said they have discussed orientation and they will consider the dates in their planning.

Beres asked how many exits there would be at night when the doors are locked for security. Goodhew answered that they are concerned about security; the door would be locked and require keycard access after hours.

5. FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN STAGING REQUIREMENTS UPDATE – Cummings distributed copies of the Capital Projects Sequencing report and explained it. The report is set up in three different parts: Academic, Research, and Auxiliary buildings. The assumptions are:

- Projects will be funded as requested and scheduled as needed in the five year CIP.
- The annual certification of Capital Construction funds may cause delays in construction start times for General Funded projects.
- Student enrollment growth remains steady.
- Fleming is available in August 1, 2009
- Kittredge residence halls renovations will occur during the summer.
- Geosciences building site yet to be finalized – square foot impacts are based on previous site selection.
- Koenig and garage will become available if/when the University Club is utilized by the Alumni Center.

Suits asked if it would be possible to leave everyone in Ketchum. Simpson said that would be challenging and disruptive – there is no easy solution. Kaempfer asked if Fleming was an option. Simpson answered that Fleming will not be an option for a very long time. Suits asked if the Athletics suites are an option. McGann said that could be an option but is dependant on the Athletics schedules. Suits said that the rented trailers are another option. Cummings said that there is not much extra space available. Additon said that either Koenig Alumni Center or the University Club would be available. Maskus said that even if the Alumni Association moved to the University Club by the middle of this year it would not solve the problem that there are 15 to 20 new faculty members arriving this summer who do not have offices available to move in to.

White asked if the amount of surge space equals the amount of space available. Kaempfer commented that the offices in Ketchum are oversized. Simpson clarified that this report that Cummings prepared is trying to identify real problems that will impede construction. Publication and Printing Services could move to 33rd Street where Mailing Services is which will make the Stadium spaces available for faculty offices. Cummings is trying to show how desperate the campus is for space. Leef said there is some fluidity. Suits said we should consider the dispersing everyone in Ketchum. Cummings said there isn't space for the people who are dispersed to go. Coffin asked if the Kittredge Commons space just includes Ketchum; Cummings said it does – it is up to Housing to decide. Coffin said there will be space on Marine Street after the Visual Arts building is completed and Visual Arts moves in and the bakery will be available when C4C is completed. Leef said that there is a lot of construction coming up on campus which will directly affect the campus with disruptions. Beres suggested that maybe we could rent some churches or fraternity spaces in the interim. McGann asked if someone could do an audit to find out if all spaces on campus are being used. Suits said that Macky is not being utilized to its fullest. Beres said that there are sometimes room vacancies in the Recreation Center. White said there is also space in the UMC that is not being used. Cummings said that things are extremely tight; there are oversized offices and some faculties have two or three offices, and there are some emeritus offices.

Maskus said that he had resolved to do an office by office accounting but the key policy does not allow him to have keys to be able to look at all of the offices. Cummings offered to help with this office accounting. White stressed that they need help to place faculty. Maskus said that they are at the point where they might have to put faculty a long distance away from where they teach and that using the University Club would alleviate this. Garcia said they schedule 11,000 meetings per year and that they will have a hard time finding meeting space when Ketchum closes. Coffin asked if a committee was being formed to look at all of this. Cummings said there was no committee formed yet but that this is a good suggestion. There needs to be facilities discussion to figure out what to do. Cummings said that we need to recognize that this is a campus problem, not just an academic problem. McNally said that in 2020 and 2030 campus will add many faculties. Leef said that we need insight and guidance. Hill asked how many new faculty each college will hire. Simpson proposes that we bring this back in May with some concepts about where to go. Kaempfer and Cummings meet every other Monday; they invited Maskus to join them.

Coffin reminded everyone that the March meeting would be on Tuesday, March 11th instead of Thursday, March 13th to accommodate the CEC schedule. Coffin asked for a motion to adjourn. McNally moved to adjourn; it was seconded and unanimously approved. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Minutes submitted by Karen Lorimer.