

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER  
BOULDER CAMPUS PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Minutes of the Meeting of March 12, 2009**

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission met on Thursday, March 12, 2009, in the Provost's Conference Room, Regent 302.

Members present were: Maren Additon, Noel Cummings, Larry Hill, Kambiz Khalili, Paul Leef, Michael Lightner, Karen Lorimer, Gregg Lundgren, Keith Maskus, Phil Simpson, and Cindy White.

Members absent were: Steve Bruns, Dustin Farivar, Steve Jones, Bill Kaempfer, Steve McNally, Russ Moore, Sean Phoonswadi, Joseph Rosse, Alexix Smith, and Rich Wobbekind.

Guests present were: Tom Goodhew, Facilities Planning; Thomas McGann, Athletics; Carlos Garcia, UMC; and Jason Pickel, Whiting Turner Construction.

1. **MINUTES** – Maskus asked for a motion to approve the February minutes. Lightner moved to approve the February 12, 2009 minutes, Leef seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT** – Maskus said the By-Laws committee has met and discussed what they will address. They must schedule meetings with Frank Bruno, Vice Chancellor of Administration, and then they will bring the suggested revisions to BCPC to address in May.
3. **CAPITAL REQUEST FY 10-11** – Paul Leef, Director of Planning Design & Construction distributed a hand-out that reflects the ranking order of the Capital Construction Requests for FY 10-11. He said BCPC shall work with the Chancellor to review the previous year's ranking of projects which was Systems Biotechnology, Ekeley Chemistry Renovation, Ketchum Arts & Sciences Capital Renewal, Hellems Capital Renewal, Aerospace & Energy Systems Building, and the Geosciences Building. Ekeley and Ketchum were defunded and Aerospace and Geosciences costs are working numbers in flux; Aerospace and Geoscience's estimated inflation factors are likely to change. Systems Biotechnology is the number one priority. The cash funded projects are not ranked. The others are ranked according to the previous year's ranking. Simpson said they are only proposing that Hellems Capital Renewal move forward. Leef said this list for capital projects is for state funding. Systems Biotechnology cash funds will come from grants from NIH, NST, the Department of Energy and NSF. The Department of Energy may have other projects. Leef said they are asking BCPC to prioritize the Capital Construction Requests for state funding. Lightner asked why the Visual Arts Complex is not included; Simpson answered that it is already funded. Cummings asked if the new Basketball / Volleyball Practice Facility will have supplemental funding. Leef replied that they are not asking for state funding for this project – they have spending authority of \$10M in the Long Bill in May; it may need to be increased once they get into the design. Maskus asked that they highlight the significant changes. Simpson said the big changes are related to the inflation factors in the amended Program Plan. They are fairly confident that the numbers will be more than what they were last year. Depending on funding, projects can be scaled down. Ketchum is a place holder because there is insufficient funding available but they have a chance at modernization from the state. Hellems qualifies for stimulus money but it needs to be assessed. Geosciences and Aerospace have

not been inflated or increased – they are still working on the numbers of what the increases will be; the amount remains to be seen. Maskus asked what the process in Denver is for allocating the stimulus money. Leef said that the Governor has appointed a committee to address this. Maskus asked if Ekeley and Ketchum are still ranked at the top. Leef answered that they are near the top of projects that have been defunded. White asked when Hellems would move up on the list. Leef said that it is the next priority after Ketchum. Lightner commented that a life time of deferred maintenance at Hellems has not been done – he wondered if the stimulus money might address this and complete the maintenance work.

Leef said the Ketchum was projected at \$9.4M; he thinks it will cost more like \$12.5M. Goodhew added that the \$12.5M is based on estimates that were done in November 2008. Simpson said they will have a list of alternates that will be requested. White asked if Hellems might be considered for stimulus funding. White also asked if there were cash input if it would affect these buildings. Simpson said that if there are cash funds available then he thought it would be better to separate the projects and move forward with projects that already have cash funding. Lightner asked if they would receive money for the many deferred maintenance projects. Simpson said that it is easier to get money for new projects/buildings than to obtain money to repair old buildings. Lightner asked if we could build new buildings to replace the old buildings that have not had deferred maintenance for years. Simpson said that controlled maintenance might come out of Federal Mineral Lease money in the future years – currently, there is no money for any capital project. Maskus suggested that this discussion should be brought to the Master Plan committee.

4. **QUARTERLY REPORT UPDATE** – Simpson gave an update of the Quarterly Report. The Feasibility Study for Research Building Systems proposes to build two sets of office buildings with the potential for a data center to provide a computer center for campus. It will provide the opportunity for Federal Labs to rent space from us like NOAA did before they built a permanent facility. The Chemistry & Life Sciences building plans a sister building to the Systems Biotechnology building which will be addressed once the Systems Biotech Building plans are approved. A Feasibility Study has been authorized for the relocation of Facilities Management from the stadium to a site off of main campus. The Alumni Association has decided not to move to the University Club so the University Club project is on hold. Maskus asked if there was a scope for smaller projects for the University Club. They need to add air conditioning before anyone would want to move there. Simpson said we need to look at the whole area between Folsom and 17<sup>th</sup> Street, north of Boulder Creek. Cummings asked if we could package some of these buildings for stimulus money for energy conservation. Leef asked said he will ask the energy conservation officer, Moe Tabrizi to look at windows and fume hoods.

Lightner asked if the stimulus package will be announced in April and if stimulus funds coming from the state would have to be encumbered by two years. Leef responded that they do not know anything yet. He said Russ Moore will send an e-mail regarding the final results of how the stimulus package would impact campus projects; he is also constructing a website to keep people apprised of the stimulus package updates. Lightner commented that BCPC needs to know when something is known about stimulus money from the state. Cummings asked if Ketchum and Ekeley could be packaged differently. Simpson said that we must be cognizant that there will be a rush when the stimulus package is finalized. Lightner suggested that if there is a way to reduce costs by using stimulus money, future upgrades to Fleming should be done. Simpson said they will talk about this at the next Executive Committee meeting in April. Additon wondered if the

money we receive from the stimulus package would be affected if we request a lot of money.

6. **OTHER ITEMS FROM MEMBERS** – Simpson announced that there will be a forum for faculty and staff in the Business School regarding construction impacts. Additon asked about the Euclid / Broadway underpass. Simpson said that the city will do a grade crossing at Euclid and Broadway and there is an agreement to work with CU. They also plan a pedestrian tunnel under Broadway by University Hills to the UMC to ease the dangerous conditions; there are twice as many buses passing by that intersection than any other intersection.

Lightner commented that RBS has been handcuffed and has lost business because of funding; he is interested in not increasing funding under this handcuff. He thinks there should be a policy to track students – teaching space is at a premium – what about exploring temporary space for classes. For the next seven years there will not be any money and we are bursting at the seams – he wondered if we could use temporary buildings for classrooms. He stressed that it is important that we consider this option. Leef said we also need to look at space utilization campus-wide and figure out how to use it more effectively and efficiently. Maskus said these things were discussed at the Facilities Task Force meetings and the task force provided recommendations to the Chancellor; they have not heard back anything from his office. Leef said they are expecting these answers with the introduction of the new interim Chancellor.

Maskus said the college has questions about space for teachers. They have done an inventory and have a sense of what is being used well. Lightner said the Engineering Center does not hire unless they have office space for faculty.

White said some departments are bound by space and that we need a good tracking system for space and hiring. Lightner said he is most concerned about teaching space and about students being able to get to class on time because of location of their various classes. Simpson said they are identifying issues and will have a working group make sure that we have a balanced membership. Bill Kaempfer has agreed to coordinate this group and he will ask members of BCPC to be on the committee. Lightner is involved in identifying critical issues. Leef, Simpson, Suitts, Cummings, and Vice Chancellor Frank Bruno are working together to obtain the numbers. Lightner asked where faculty input comes in. Simpson said he will meet with the Deans and research directors next week. White asked if he would be willing to meet with the Arts & Sciences council; Simpson and Leef both said they would be happy to.

Leef asked Simpson to mention the Society for College and University Planning (SCUP) conference. Simpson is chair of the SCUP Pacific Regional 2009 conference which will be held the week of spring break at the St. Julien Hotel and UMC. The theme of the conference is sustainability and carbon neutrality. University Presidents across the country have signed the Presidents Climate Commitment (PCC) embracing a challenge to take steps toward carbon neutrality on their campuses. For each institution this includes initiating the development of a comprehensive plan and creating institutional structures to guide the refinement, management, and implementation of that plan. SCUP will explore the strategies for meeting this challenge.

Leef informed everyone that the missing Chair of DRB, Greg Franta, was found deceased in a ravine as a result of a car accident. Franta, Senior Vice President of the Rocky

Mountain Institute was a well respected leader in sustainability, even responsible for “greening” the White House. He will be sorely missed by many. Leef also announced the new member of the DRB, Lois Brink, Landscape Architect and faculty from the University of Colorado at Denver, will replace John Prosser who has retired. John will continue to serve until they are able to replace Greg Franta.

Lightner moved to adjourn the meeting, Leef seconded the motion; there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Minutes submitted by Karen Lorimer, BCPC Secretary.