

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of May 21, 1998**

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission met on Thursday, May 21, 1998, in the Chancellor's Conference Room, Regent 302.

Members present were: Al Bartlett, John Bruning, Anne Costain, Noel Cummings, Shaun Dalrymple, Adrian Del Caro, Bill Deno, Larry Drees, Steve Jones, Michael Lightner, Wolf Lutton, Susan Thorning, and Secretary William Arndt.

Members absent were: Jim Baily, Ben Goldmanis, Stephen Lester, Dale Oesterle, Paul Saporito, and John Satory.

Guests present were: Lois Dahnke, Academic Scheduling; Thomas Geers, Mechanical Engineering / Boulder Faculty Assembly; Steve Hecht, Facilities Planning; Ed Maes, College of Business; Michael Palmer, College of Business; Dan Paulien, Paulien & Associates; Bobby Schnabel, ATLAS; Marie Spilsbury, *Colorado Daily*; Stephen Wendzel, Facilities Planning; and Nadia White, *Daily Camera*.

1. **MINUTES** -- The minutes of the meeting of April 23, 1998, and of the Public Hearing on April 16, 1998, were unanimously approved.
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT** -- Jones introduced Larry Drees, a new member from the Department of Housing, appointed as one of the Staff Council representatives. Bruning reported that the search for a new director of Facilities Management had failed, and that a reorganization of the Administration Division has been proposed. Jeff Lipton, currently the Director of Business Services, will become the Director of an expanded Facilities Management Department beginning August 1, 1998. Bruning will continue as a BCPC member until that time.

Jones reported that Vice President Takeuchi has proposed a system-wide facilities naming policy for consideration by the Regents in August. Jones said he is still working with Takeuchi to clarify details, but that the new policy has the same "direction and content" as the recently approved Boulder Campus policy. Each campus would devise their own implementation procedures. Thorning noted that the naming policy calls for appropriate signage and ceremonies to honor donors, so funds to pay for these items should be established in project budgets at an early stage.

Jones said that he is on a committee working on the re-establishment of a classroom committee, which would have a similar role to the now defunct Space Management Committee. It would deal with issues of decommissioning, scheduling during renovation and construction, and a contingency plan in case classrooms are unexpectedly unavailable.

Reporting on the last SCAG meeting, Jones said he had forwarded the BCPC Capital Construction Request priorities to the Chancellor, along with notes on how the BCPC made its decision. The Chancellor expressed concern about the amount of money requested from the State for the Law School project, and therefore has modified the ranking order. The ATLAS and Hunter Demolition projects will be combined into one, and moved above the Law School

request. The MCD Biology Teaching Laboratories will be moved from the State funding to cash funding. In the cash funded list, which is not prioritized, the UMC and Wardenburg requests have been withdrawn for this year.

3. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND THE ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIR** -- Lightner reported that the Committee recommended Susan Thorning for Vice Chair. There were no further nominations from the floor. It was moved by Bartlett, seconded by Deno, to close the nominations and elect Thorning by acclamation. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM PLAN FOR THE ATLAS CENTER** -- Bobby Schnabel, ATLAS Director, gave a brief description on the project, which had been presented recently at the Public Hearing in April.

Lightner asked about the performance studio space -- whether enough money was budgeted for equipment and whether it could connect with other performance spaces on campus for sound and video recording. Schnabel said those things had been considered, and added that the space would be designed to accommodate a small audience if necessary (less than 100 people). Lightner also asked about the need for technical support for the users of the facility; training may be necessary now but the need may be less in the future as users become more accustomed to the technology. Thorning asked about the technology needs of the Film Studies Department; Schnabel said that much of the equipment they already have will be brought into the building, so it is not part of the project budget. Cummings asked about the cash funded portion of the project. Was it for equipment purchases or would most technological equipment be solicited from corporate donors? Bartlett cautioned about the vulnerability of technology due to failure or vandalism. Dan Paulien, the program planning consultant, said he felt there was sufficient budget to build-in safeguards to vandalism, power failures, and similar equipment vulnerability.

Bruning asked about the ratio of assignable to gross square feet, since there have been problems in recent new buildings. Schnabel said that a portion of space allocated for classrooms could be moved to non-assignable space if it becomes necessary during the design phase. Deno noted that he is working with the CCHE to change some of the required space efficiency factors.

It was moved by Lightner, seconded by Bruning, to accept the program plan. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED POLICY FOR ACROBATIC / RECKLESS SKATING / SKATEBOARDING** -- Bruning introduced Tom Geers, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, who said that he has monitored problems over the year at the Engineering Center and the Mathematics Building. A committee was set up to deal with ways to mitigate damage done by careless skateboarders. A policy was written and presented to the Boulder Faculty Assembly and to the Parking Management Committee. This is the policy currently being presented to the BCPC for its endorsement.

Bruning passed out photographs illustrating the kinds of damage being done to structures and to landscaping. He said that the new policy would decriminalize the offense and make it a finable misdemeanor. Currently, perpetrators can be charged with criminal mischief or

damaging property and are processed through the county court system, which has been ineffectual. He noted that most violators are not CU students.

It was moved by Lightner, seconded by Bartlett, to formally endorse the proposed policy.

Del Caro said that even non-acrobatic skateboards are noisy and can disturb classes. Cummings asked if preventative features could be included when new facilities are designed. Bruning said that some things could be done, but that it is impossible to eliminate the problem with only physical solutions. Deno said that education and enforcement are the main factors in eliminating the problem. He noted that the current policy is to enforce only upon complaint, and that ongoing patrolling is necessary. Drees asked where the fine money would go; Bruning said it would go into the enforcement program, rather than towards repairs.

Lightner suggested an amendment making fines higher and strengthening the language. Geers argued against it saying that the language was necessary to give police some discretion, and that the fines were structured to be in keeping with similar fines for bicycle and parking violations. Lightner withdrew his amendment. He did, however, ask for a report on the success of the new policy after it has been in effect for awhile.

The motion to endorse the policy was then unanimously approved. A copy of the policy is attached to these minutes.

6. **NOTICE OF INTENT TO DO PROGRAM PLANNING: COLLEGE OF BUSINESS RENOVATION AND EXPANSION** -- Ed Maes and Michael Palmer of the College of Business briefly talked about the project, which had been discussed at the recent Public Hearing. Jones added that the project had been to SCAG and a pre-planning meeting had been held with the CCHE. The plans is scheduled to be ready for review by the BCPC in the fall.
7. **OTHER ITEMS FROM MEMBERS** -- Steve Hecht reported that the Athletics Practice Bubble project has changed in scope. It is no longer proposed to be erected on the practice fields, but will be installed only in Folsom Field immediately after the last home game of the season, and will remain there through spring. It would then be dismantled and stored off-site. As part of this project, the artificial turf on the football field will be replaced with natural grass. Cummings commented that the amount budgeted to operate the bubble seems low. Hecht said he thought the budget was adequate, but would check to confirm.

Cummings reported that he had been asked by the Chancellor to review the Capital Construction Request process and the role of SCAG. He noted that SCAG is operating without by-laws.

Jones thanked Wolf Lutton, who recently graduated, for his active participation as a student member of the commission. It was moved by Lightner, seconded by Bruning that:

The BCPC wishes to express its gratitude to Wolf Lutton, representing the Environmental Center, for his concerned and active participation as a member of the commission, and for his work in organizing the successful Campus Earth Summit this spring.

The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Minutes submitted by William Arndt, BCPC Secretary.