Mission and Purpose of the Advisory Board
The Campus Planning Advisory Board (CPAB) is organized to advise the University’s decision makers concerning the utilization and development of the physical campus. The Board reviews proposals for new facilities and significant renovations or landscaping projects, and other matters related to the current and future utilization of the physical campus. The Board typically meets one or two times a semester for ninety minutes.

The CPAB web site is a helpful tool for members and the Brown community providing information and resources for further understanding of campus planning issues.
[http://www.brown.edu/Administration/cpab/](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/cpab/)

Membership
Associate Provost Rod Beresford has chaired the Board since February, 2010. For the academic year 2010-2011 the faculty members were Arthur Landy, Professor of Medical Science; Patricia Sobral, Senior Lecturer in Portuguese and Brazilian Studies; James Allen, Professor of Egyptology; and Steven Lubar, Professor of American Studies. Staff members included Lisa Vaillancourt, Executive Assistant and Project Coordinator in Computing and Information Services; and Christopher Beattie, Associate Registrar. Student members were Peter Johnson, undergraduate student; Stefanie Sevcik, graduate student; and Julia Heneghan, medical student.

Ex officio members of the Board are Stephen Maiorisi, Vice President for Facilities Management; Michael McCormick, Assistant Vice President, Planning, Design and Construction; Clifford Resnick, Director of Planning; and Richard Spies, Executive Vice President for Planning.

Members have staggered terms so there is continuity and some institutional memory. Meetings are scheduled to accommodate project design review plans and member availability. Meeting dates are determined to assure that three or four faculty members and staff and student representatives are available at each meeting.

Meeting Schedule for the 2010-2011 Academic Year
December 3, 2010
February 11, 2011
April 8, 2011

Focus of 2010-2011 Academic Year
With the completion of the Medical Education building and the final construction phases of the Metcalf project during 2010-2011, the Board recognized an opportunity to address itself primarily to planning issues associated with major projects that are expected to be brought forward for approval in the near future, principally the Hunter Lab renovation, the renewal of the residence halls, and the repurposing of library space. There was also continued discussion of the
changes in the Jewelry District, especially public space (Ship Street Square) and the progress of Brown’s long-term interests in this area.

- **Hunter Lab** — The Board heard progress on the planning and early design phases of this $35 million renovation project. With the completion of Metcalf, Hunter is being emptied of its Psychology department occupants. The design envisioned for Hunter responds to the pressure for new lab space on campus, to the extent possible within the constraints of this building, that is, relatively low floor-to-floor heights and the existing footprint / Carmichael auditorium space. The greenhouse is to be relocated to the rooftop, enabling extension of The Walk across Waterman St. to the south.

- **Residence Hall Renewal** — Modernization of the Brown dormitory facilities has become a significant challenge and priority for the campus. Not much was provided for this sector in the previous capital plan, and Brown is not keeping up with its peers in this regard. Students want housing on campus, of desirable types (frequently single rooms, suites, or apartments), with good common spaces. Both student members and members who are Brown parents confirmed that some of the dorm conditions are appalling. Compared to peers, Brown housing ranks better than that at Columbia, but worse than that at all other Ivy schools. The Board heard lively discussion from the student members about which locations are more desirable, and the potential (not always realized) for housing to make a positive contribution to the student experience. There was general appreciation for the strategy of providing first-year and second-year housing options closest to the campus core, and for having appropriate types of housing for older students (more apartment style) so that they are not forced to look off campus. A range of options was discussed, starting with the conversion of 315 Thayer St. (now underway) and including ultimately a new dormitory on one of three possible sites.

- **Library Planning Study** — A comprehensive study of library spaces in Rockefeller, John Hay, Sciences Library, and the Annex was described. The Board considered how Brown can move away from a rather antiquated usage model, in which 50% of the space is occupied by volumes, many of which are no longer accessed physically due to the prevalence of electronic resources. At the same time, we would like to be nearer to widely accepted targets for the number of seats available for student use of the libraries (25% to 30% of the total enrollment is typical). Even the existing seats are not always particularly desirable study spaces, due to, for example, poor temperature control, lighting, work surfaces, or other impediments. In the Sciences Library, there is an opportunity to repurpose up to about 15,000 square feet (4 floors), and the Board expressed interest in hearing more about what academic synergies could be generated, analogous to the popular Science Center now on the 3rd floor.

- **Jewelry District / Ship Street Square** — Continued conversation at the Board dealt with the many issues surrounding Brown’s long-term plans to expand into the Jewelry District. A particular focal point was the Ship Street Square, improvements to the streetscape that can set the stage for activating some outdoor / public life in the area. The members offered ideas about how to make the square inviting and well-used, including provision of tables and chairs, WiFi access points, food trucks or other food outlets, art installations, and in general, attractions that could particularly encourage some evening street-life. There are ongoing
concerns about security in the area, and the outdoor ambiance, especially at night, could use improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

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Art Landy, Vice Chair