Campus Planning Advisory Board
Report to Faculty Executive Committee
February, 2013

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/

Membership
Associate Provost Rod Beresford has chaired the Board since February, 2010. For the academic year 2011-2012 the faculty members were Arthur Landy (Vice Chair), Professor of Medical Science; Patricia Sobral, Senior Lecturer in Portuguese and Brazilian Studies; James Allen, Professor of Egyptology; and Tom Doeppner, Associate Professor (Research) of Computer Science. Staff members included Peter Neivert, Planetary Data Center Coordinator, Geological Sciences; and Catherine Axe, Director of Student and Employee Accessibility Services, Office of Student Life. Student members were Peter Johnson, undergraduate student; Jason Swadley, graduate student; and Jack Cossman, 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 2011-2012 Academic Year
December 9, 2011
February 14, 2012
April 13, 2012

Focus of the 2011-2012 Academic Year
The Board addressed the major capital projects underway (the Hunter Lab renovation and the residence hall renewals), continued consideration of prospective repurposing of Andrews Dining Hall and portions of Science Library, and discussed the emerging Sustainability Strategic Planning committee. (Tom Doeppner was elected Vice-Chair at the Board’s first meeting of the 2012-2013 academic year.)
• **Hunter Lab** — The project has since been renamed as the “Building for Environmental Research and Teaching,” or BERT. The Board heard an update on the schematic design phase of this $35 million renovation project. The building exterior is generally sound, although the windows are being replaced and new windows cut into the blank brick façade at the first floor along Waterman St. The interior is getting a complete mechanical and electrical make-over. The first floor will be classroom and office space, while the second and third floors will house flexible lab space, research support, and offices. The basement will be opened up with windows and a new east entry, and will be used for classrooms and greenhouse support. The greenhouse itself is being relocated to the top of the building, with the creation of a direct link from The Walk to Lincoln Field. Elements of Environmental and Engineering programs currently in MacMillan, UEL, and Barus+Holley will be relocated to BERT.

• **Residence Hall Renewal** — Since the discussion of the previous year on this topic, planning for the much-needed modernization of the Brown dormitory facilities had progressed significantly. The 315 Thayer St. project (now complete) was underway, and design work was progressing on two summer projects that were completed in 2012: renewal of the Pembroke dorms (Miller, Metcalf, and Andrews) and cosmetic upgrades in Keeney Quad. These are two major pieces of a $56 million renewal program that is continuing this year and into next year. The program is addressing persistent complaints about dormitory conditions and is yielding dramatic improvements as well as some increase in capacity — by the end of the projects, half of the rooms on campus will have had work, with the First-year and Sophomore experiences being a particular focus.

• **Science Library Repurposing** — A comprehensive study of library spaces completed in the previous year had determined that in the Sciences Library, there is an opportunity to repurpose up to about 15,000 square feet (4 floors), by moving unused journal volumes out to the Annex at 10 Park Lane. Fully realizing this space conversion would also entail some expansion of the Annex, which continues to add volumes as Library print holdings increase. The 14th floor (currently housing Library staff) has great potential as a colloquium or meeting space, with extensive glass and panoramic views. The Board considered what academic synergies could be generated in the recaptured space, analogous to the popular Science Resource Center now on the 3rd floor. Possibilities mentioned include a Social Science Center (with a computer lab for experimental economics and other uses), a Media Commons formed out of the Educational Technology Center and one of the Multimedia Labs, and some form of graduate student study space or multiuse classroom space. A general lack of affection for the “mulch garden” in the Sci Li quad was noted in passing.

• **Andrews Dining Hall Conversion** — Although Andrews provides a uniquely large event space, there has been a sense that overall the resource could be doing more for Brown. The plans call for a student commons and a new eatery replacing The Gate in Alumnae Hall, which helps position Alumnae for much-needed renewal in the future. However, it was noted that moving forward with the project would put pressure on other large event spaces: Alumnae Hall, Kaspar Multipurpose, and Sayles, and may in fact create demand for a new
large event space. That need would become acute if Alumnae Hall were taken off line for a major renovation.

- **Sustainability Strategic Planning Committee** — Following an undergraduate proposal made to the Brown University Community Council on March 20, 2012, and the Provost’s subsequent decision to form an ad hoc planning committee of faculty, staff, and students, the Board was briefed on the outlook for this activity. Chris Powell, Director of Sustainable Energy and Environmental Initiatives in Facilities Management visited the Board to describe the existing Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee and the annual Sustainability Report. The proposal’s student authors Matt Breuer, Micah Swann, Jessica Fields, and Jenny Li also attended the meeting and presented their vision for a planning process that would build upon Brown’s significant gains in carbon footprint reductions and “expand the mission” to other areas of the university’s operations, such as food procurement and food waste, water usage, purchasing, transportation, and capital planning. A key element of the students’ goals is to turn the campus into a “living laboratory,” which is a model for the integration of research and teaching activities around sustainability with the application of sustainable practices to university operations.

Respectfully submitted,

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