November 2, 2005

MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee (CPC)
From: Christine Taylor Thompson, Planning Associate
University Planning
Subject: Record of the October 27, 2005 CPC

Attending: Carole Daly (Chair), Dietrich Belitz, Virginia Cartwright, Nancy Cheng, Darin Dehle, Frances Dyke, Michael Fifield, Patty Hachten, Bill Harbaugh, Stan Jones, Douglas Kennett, Rich Linton, Gregg Lobisser, Dennis Munroe, Steve Pickett, Andrzej Proskurowski, Chris Ramey, Gordon Sayre, Rob Thallon

Guests: Andrea Matthews (Architecture Student), Colin McArthur (PPPM Student), Alexandra Roberts (Sociology/PPPM Student), James Yamada (Architecture/PPPM Student), Danielle Zeghib (Architecture Student)

Staff: Christine Thompson (University Planning)

1. Campus Planning Committee Orientation

Background: Carole Daly, chair, provided an overview of the responsibilities of the committee and the subcommittees as described in the mailing. All committee actions are advisory to the university president.

Chris Ramey, committee member and Director and Architect of the University Planning Office, began a slide presentation with an overview of the campus planning process. Christine completed the slide presentation with an overview of the Campus Plan’s policies and patterns. Copies of the Campus Plan were distributed to committee members at the meeting.

Staff explained that the Campus Plan is used as a basis for all decisions made by the committee.

Staff explained how the CPC becomes involved in a development project. For each project, the CPC chair appoints a user group that works directly with a project architect. Each user group is made up of faculty, staff, and students, including a CPC representative who is responsible for providing the CPC’s perspective and maintaining communication with the CPC. The CPC is invited
to participate in the architect selection process. The CPC also reviews each project during the schematic design stage (and often at earlier stages as necessary), focusing on the exterior building and landscape design within the context of the overall campus character.

Staff explained that ex-officio members are able to vote. However, Frances Dyke will abstain from voting since she has been authorized by the president to review and act on CPC recommendations on his behalf.

Staff reviewed the CPC 2005-6 work plan as described in the handout.

Committee members turned in their subcommittee preference forms.

Discussion: In response to a question about the proposed basketball arena, staff explained that this project is privately managed and the proposed location (Williams’ Bakery) is not within the campus boundary. Furthermore it was initiated prior to adoption of the updated Campus Plan. Therefore, the standard CPC review process does not apply. The CPC has commented on the site selection process and the planning process. Once a schematic design is prepared, the CPC will have the opportunity to provide comment. A member said it would be beneficial for the CPC to have an opportunity to weigh in on proposed uses as well.

Staff clarified that the University Senate president will be notified of meetings involving large projects. In addition, staff and the CPC chair will present a year-end report and summary of upcoming projects to the University Senate.

A member said it would be beneficial to provide better notification of development projects to the broader campus in the spirit of communication and user involvement. Staff described current opportunities for the campus community to find out about projects and to participate. She explained that there is always an established level of user involvement (e.g., user groups, CPC review, notification to adjacent building managers and on-campus faculty and student organizations, etc.). The extent of public outreach beyond this basic level depends upon the size and potential impact of the project. Projects affecting larger areas, such as the East Campus Development Policy, include more extensive outreach (e.g., advisory groups, open houses, written notices, etc.). She acknowledged that the University Planning Office is not staffed to advertise and communicate projects to the maximum extent possible.

Action: No formal action was taken at this meeting.

cc. Peter Keyes, Architecture (University Senate)
    Andrea Matthews, Architecture
    Colin McArthur, PPPM
    Alexandra Roberts, PPPM
    James Yamada, Architecture
    Danielle Zeghibb, Architecture
    Steve Nystrom, Eugene Planning