Annual Report of the Campus Planning and Development Committee
2003-2004

In furtherance of the Committee's oversight role, Vice President John Roberto reviewed
the status of ongoing and future projects. At our meeting held on October 24, 2003, he
reported on the following projects:

- $4.6 million renovation of the east wing of Pearson
- New boat house
- Research labs – Psychology Building, Anderson
- $2 million exterior renovation of Anderson/Robinson Hall
- Replace tract at Ellis Oval
- Utility infrastructure work
- Move faculty dining to Carmichael Hall
- Coffee Shop in Tisch Library

Two other issues were discussed

- 20 Professors Row was slated for demolition to make way for the new dormitory. The Historical Preservation Commission of Somerville has objected since this house has historical designation by the City of Somerville (it was once the home of Hosea Ballou). This historic designation includes a number of houses on Professors Row.

- The University has issued an RFP for a new Master Plan for the Medford Campus. The last Master Plan was drafted in the mid-80s. This plan should take 9-12 months to complete. There is also a need for an Academic and Research Plan in conjunction with the physical master plan. It is anticipated that there will be a Steering Committee made up of members of the administration and a working committee that will be made up of a broader set of members of the Tufts community.

On April 28, 2004, the Committee met with Ned Baxter and Doug Johnson from William Rawn Associates. William Rawn Associates has been hired by Tufts to draft the new campus Master Plan. Baxter and Johnson brought both a campus model to provide a visual representation of the campus and presentation boards to highlight their initial ideas about the Master Plan. It is anticipated that the interim report will be presented to the Trustees in November 2004. The following issues were discussed

Weaknesses of Tufts campus
- Physically constrained
- Physically hard to find
- Difficult campus edge conditions
- Need for multifunctional space
- Lack of on-campus housing for faculty
Strengths of Tufts campus
- Central core is high quality
- Diversity of uses in different geographical areas
  - particularly residential since students have to traverse the campus on a daily basis
  - no isolated use areas
  - BUT faculty members noted that this is not an asset from their standpoint

4 Goals to be addressed in the Master Plan
- Enhanced intellectual climate
- Increased interdisciplinary connection
- Increased undergraduate research
- Understanding physical organization of campus

General Strategy for drafting the Master Plan
- Break down the campus into smaller, well-defined areas and analyze separately
- Two-part approach:
  1. Visionary – guiding principles
  2. Physical – address physical needs such as

A) Investigate sites and organization for Integrated Lab Building.
B) Identify sites for future development on campus.
C) Enhance pedestrian connections to the campus edge
D) Develop a unified campus landscape
E) Strengthen centers of gravity on campus
F) Increase sense of arrival on campus
G) Improve ways of traversing the hill
H) Enhance connections to Davis Square
I) Investigate the organization and future of Professors Row
J) Explore air rights over the commuter rail
K) Analyze potential impact of future green line T connection

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