Annual Report of the Campus Planning and Development Committee
2007-2008

The Campus Planning and Development Committee met four times during the 2007-2008 academic year. The focus of the first meeting was the annual presentation given by John Roberto, Vice President of Operations, concerning ongoing and future capital projects. John reported on the following projects

Recently completed projects
- Dame school
- Interfaith center
- Braker Hall – “envelop Project”
- Hotung Cafe

Upcoming projects
- “envelop Project” at Eaton and East Halls
- Tisch library 3rd floor room – public art space
- 48 Professors Row – Center for Humanities

Other projects
- 51 Winthrop – Sacred Heart Church
- Packard hall – now essentially vacant
- Bendetson Hall
- Cousins Gym – major expansion
- 550 Boston Ave – Integrated Lab Complex (ILC)

The special guest at the second meeting was Dean Sternberg. He talked about existing capital projects and his vision of future projects. Dean Sternberg talked about large projects such as Cousins gym and the ILC and about specific needs for each academic department.

The purpose of the third meeting was to discuss means by which the Committee can be provided information about capital projects in an expedient manner so that the Committee can provide effective feedback on the structure and priority of these projects. Dean Leah McIntosh laid out the administration’s decision-making framework for capital projects. It consists of three components:

1. Principles about thinking about capital projects
2. How decisions are made
3. Outline the big issues

It was agreed that Committee Chair would have a standing appointment with Leah McIntosh once a month. Leah agreed to report to committee at every meeting.

Special guests at the final meeting were students Chas Morrison and Shabazz Stuart. They talked about their report on dorm conditions at Tufts. They said that the recommendations made by the Task Force on the Undergraduate Experience are excellent but have not all been met. A recent TCU Survey found that a substantial number of students felt that residential life needs to be improved.
Dean McIntosh said that there will be upgrades on the bathrooms in dorms, the commons rooms in West and Metcalf will be refurbished. She mentioned that there has been a huge demand for wireless in the dorms. Further, financial aid is a top priority.

There was an agreement to set up a formal sub-committee of this Committee to deal with residential life. We will also reinstitute the campus tour for this committee.

For the Committee:

Committee Members:  
Behrouz Abedian, Art/ Mech Engg  
Jane Bernstein, Music  
Claire Conceison, Asst Prof Drama/Dance  
Susan Ernst, Biology  
David Feldman, Child Dev  
David Guss, Soc/Anthro  
Justin Hollander, UEPP  
Jacob Schneps, Phys/Astron  
Mary Jane Shultz, Chemistry  
Diane Souvaine, Comp Sci  
Reed Ueda History  

Ex Officio Members:  
Yolanda King, Residential Life  
Bruce Reitman, Dean/Student Affairs  
Barbara Rubell, Dir/Community Relations  

Student Members:  
Alexandra Prior/TCU Senate  
Deborah Block/TCU Senate  

Jeffrey Zabel, Chair