The Campus Planning and Development Committee met three times during the 2013-2014 academic year. The first meeting was held on November 6 and featured a presentation by Linda Snyder, Vice-President for Operations, on the five year budget priorities for Tufts facilities for which $400 million is currently available. After emphasizing the need to align building objectives with those of the new Strategic Plan and TEAM, a detailed discussion of progress on 574 Boston Ave. and the new Science and Engineering Center took place. While support for both projects was voiced, long-term concerns remained over the pedestrian crossing at College and Boston Ave. and the fracturing of certain departments.

The second meeting of the committee, which was limited to faculty members alone, was held on March 3, 2014. A discussion on governance was held in order to determine if there were mechanisms for making the committee a more effective voice for faculty interests. While an on-going concern, the impending capital campaign and accelerated rate of change has increased the need for the committee to be engaged as early as possible in the decision-making process. A number of other issues including the future of Barnum, the physical integrity of individual departments, and the quality of faculty offices and lab spaces were also discussed.

The third and final meeting (on May 2, 2014) was in response to Dean Berger-Sweeney’s request for faculty in-put in establishing priorities for the upcoming capital campaign. Among the many issues addressed was the need to incorporate the new offices in 200 Boston Ave. and 574 Boston Ave. into the life of the main campus. Among the suggestions were better shuttle service, inviting and open walk-through spaces, and innovative landscaping and public art. Concerns were also raised about pedestrian movement across College Ave. at the hinge block, especially with the arrival of the T. The future of Lane Hall, Barnum, and studio arts were discussed as well, as was the need for more flexible social and conference spaces. The meeting ended with the election of Juliet Furhman and Justin Hollander as committee co-chairs for 2014-2015.

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