Committee on Physical Resources Planning  
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The Physical Resources Planning Committee met twice in full session this AY. We invited Gretchen Bolar, VC, Academic Planning and Budget and Tim Ralston, AVC, Capital Planning to the first meeting, where we discussed the status of building projects in the planning phase. One that was noted was the Genomics Building, which appears to have been put in the queue with little Academic Senate input. At our second meeting, we met with Juanita Bullock, Campus Physical Planner, who discussed with us the Long Range Development Plan, concentrating on the projects that will be affecting the West Campus in the future. The 60/215 freeway will become an increasingly important barrier in the future.

Concerning the freeway, several members of the committee feel that the University has not done enough in negotiations with Caltrans. The current construction will have a significant impact on the University during the time of actual construction. With the new MLK entrance and exit ramps, the freeway will become even *more* visible on campus, with increasing noise and pollution levels. Also troubling is the fact that most faculty (including those on the committee) were unaware that this construction was about to take place until just before it started.

Individual members have attended meetings of numerous "building" committees, including the Canyon Crest Housing project, the Multimodal Transportation Management Strategy project, the new Commons project, the Psychology building, the CHASS I&R building, the SASS building, and the EH&S building. We attend regularly the CPAC meetings, as well as the meetings of the Design Review Board. Recent CPAC meetings have been concerned with the "master" plans of the Colleges and Schools on campus. The Design Review Board meetings are especially useful in ensuring that proposed buildings fit into the overall campus design and layout. The external members of the Board are all architects.

While the PRP committee has been involved through its representatives in many administrative planning and building decisions, the committee continues to feel that there is an urgent need for the administration to involve the Senate through the Standing Senate committees, including the PRP, at an earlier stage in the process, when decisions are made as to which buildings to build, in what order, and as to how the buildings are to be used. The Genomics Building, mentioned above is one example. The replacement University Club, which seems to have disappeared from current plans, is another.

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