Committee on Physical Resources Planning
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The Physical Resources Planning Committee met three times in full session this AY.

The ad hoc committee on University Club (constituted by PRP and the Faculty Welfare Committee) finished its work and disbanded. A new University Club Planning Committee was formed. Chancellor Córdova agreed to fund a feasibility study for a University Club. The first meeting of the contracting firm, Brailsford and Dunlavey, held their first meeting at UCR on May 9, 2006. The study is expected to take 4 months and will include numerous opportunities for the campus community to comment. Next fall decisions will be made about the future of the University Club at UCR.

Construction on the CHASS Instruction and Research Building was begun. Construction on the Alumni Visitor’s Center was started. Construction on the new Psychology Building will begin this week. The New Biological Sciences Building was finished at the Corner of Eucalyptus and Citrus Drives. The construction fence was taken down and the north south sidewalk from Webber Hall past Bachelor Hall to Eucalyptus Drive was reopened.

The planning process for the new EH&S building on Watkins is underway. The planning group has been proactive in considering the needs and concerns of the university and neighborhood communities

Major storm drain improvements are in progress along Big Springs Road. The campus has a new entrance at the Canyon Crest Underpass and a new street light on campus at the intersection of the circular road. This is the location of a major conflict between student pedestrian traffic to campus from lot 30 and surface road traffic. The light helps.

The sound wall on the freeway was completed and the Circular Road was moved to its permanent place. Speed bumps were installed. There was widespread complaint about the height. The height of 2 speed bumps was reduced.

The new Police Chief, Mark Lane, is sending regular crime alerts to the campus over the email. The new Vice Chancellor for Administration, Al Diaz, started a Forum meeting format on campus for the campus community to ask administration questions and find out information.
The UCR Long Range Development Plan was approved unanimously by the Regents at their November 2005 meeting. Tim Ralston worked on the plan and Gretchen Bolar presented it to the Regents.

“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,” was concluded in the 2003-2004 Annual Report. The same conclusion can be made this year.

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