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The full committee met three times this last year. The committee continues to hold discussions with the Administration regarding current building plans for the campus.

The Chair served on the Advisory Committee (which met monthly) and advised the committee overseeing the re-accreditation of UCR by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC, held in February). The new Science Library is about 2 to 3 months behind schedule while makes the target date for the book shift from the old Bio-Ag and Physical Sci Libraries move to late summer. The shift, however, should only require about two weeks and be finished before Fall Courses. The plans continue to have the Rivera Library refurnished from south to north. The disruptions of service within Rivera will be quite large for several years due to the extent of physical changes; however, the staff of the library have given assurances that they will do everything possible to keep the functioning of the library as it is currently. We have had good relations with the leadership of the Library regarding buildings and current and future plans. The Public Safety Building (for Campus Police) was briefly discussed with the committee but the plans were too far along for the Committee to have much impact on the building itself or its placement. The Chancellor plans to take out a bank loan to build an addition to Pierce Hall for Chemistry. The building will provide approximately four major research labs and be built in the south east corner around the patio of Pierce. Future plans call for a complete renovation of Pierce Hall improving student and research laboratories (year 2000?). The next capital request on the State Election from the University will include monies for the complete seismic upgrade of Entomology and a further addition to the new building to house Plant Pathology, among other Agricultural Departments. The University Club will have to be removed to another site. Discussions are currently being held regarding that move.

The Advisory Committee was involved in talks regarding the development of a large class room complex to allow for student growth on campus. Discussions are still in progress. The Campus still suffers from a lack of a long range academic plan to govern the next sequence of building plans. Our committee finds it difficult to advise the Administration when it seems that the Administration is following no Academic Plan. The Chair in his meetings with WASC strongly urged the committee to encourage the Administration to develop such a plan.

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