CAMPUS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
A meeting of the Campus Planning and Development Committee will be held at

2pm on Thursday, 22 April 2010
in the Conference Room, John Yencken Building

PRESENT: IN ATTENDANCE:
Dr David Solomon (Chair) Mr Wayne Ford (F&S)
Mr Geoffrey Campbell Mr Brian Lane
Dr John Fitzgerald Ms Amanda Hart (part)
Prof Brenton Lewis Ms Cheryl Cairns (part)
Prof Des Nicholls
Mr Tully Fletcher
Mr Mick Serena (part)
Professor David Williams

Apologies – Matthew Auckett, Brok Glenn, Tooty Elliott, Murray Napier, Bill Speed.

MINUTES

1. MEMBERSHIP
The Chair was concerned about whether there was a quorum. Mr Serena explained that
the membership of some members of the CPDC may have expired, and not yet been
officially renewed. This meant that the quorum was reduced, so the meeting could
proceed. Mr Serena explained the vacancies that had occurred and undertook to provide
to the next meeting a detailed list of the terms of current members and details of who
might need to be replaced.

2. MINUTES
The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25 February 2010 were confirmed
following minor amendment to last paragraph on page 3.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
3.1 Proforma for Submission of projects to CPDC
At the 25 February 2010 meeting it was agreed that it would assist the work of the
Committee if projects (or other issues) were submitted for its consideration in a standard
format.

The Committee considered the form and asked that reference be made in the explanatory
notes that projects conform with the National Capital Plan. Some minor formatting
changes were also requested as well as a diagram to be included showing the project site
location within the campus map as an insert on plans and drawings submitted to assist
members to identify the proposed site location in context. While acknowledging that
project budget was not part of the Committee’s considerations, a budget figure would
assist the Committee to get a feel for the project. Drawings accompanying the
submissions will also be presented in A3 format and the drawing content be clearly
identified. Consideration should also be given to paring down the information provided to
only what is relevant for Committee consideration.

Division members will have the responsibility to consider the project impacts against
master planning requirements.
Subject to these amendments and deliberations, the Committee were very happy with the proposal to submit projects for consideration in this format.

3.2 ANU Master Planning

Mr Ford advised members that a Request for Proposal for provision of Infrastructure Master Planning Services for the ANU’s Acton campus was released in March 2010 with a closing date of 6 April. Eight submissions had been received and four companies were shortlisted.

The Evaluation Committee, including two representatives of CPDC and a further external representative, and asked the shortlisted companies to respond to a series of questions in their presentations, held on 19 April 2010. The companies have been asked to respond to some further questions arising from this process. Responses received have been forwarded to the Evaluation Committee and a meeting will be held 23 April 2010 to consider these and, following a value assessment, come to a consensus in relation to the preferred master planner for the University’s Acton campus. It is hoped that a recommendation on the preferred company will be finalised early next week with the Master Planner to commence work on 3 May 2010. At this stage, the finalised Master Plan is expected to be signed off in November 2010.

3.3 ANU Climate Change Institute (Fenner School of Environment & Society)

At the 25 February 2010 meeting, the Committee noted that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the project. National Capital Authority approval has been received, final sketch plans have been approved by the Project Steering Group and the project site will be handed over on 27 April 2010.

Issues relating to the roof guttering and the extra level and proposed link were raised at the February meeting. The Committee noted that the architect has revised drawings of roof drainage and the concept drawings for this work.

4. DESIGN AND SITING ISSUES

4.1 Single Lift Carpark – Daley Road

At the 25 February 2010 meeting, the Committee was advised that planning for a single lift carpark had been approved for the Daley Road carpark behind the Research School of Chemistry Building.

The Committee was asked to consider for endorsement Preliminary Sketch Plans for the Daley Road single lift car park tabled at the meeting.

Members were informed the design will include a second floor (providing an additional 100 spaces) which can be added at a later date or, subject to funding, incorporated straight away. The Architect has considered environment and streetscape in the façade design attempting to minimize the effect on the surrounding area – the façade facing Barry drive will be a mesh screen with plantings to augment trees in place across Daley Road. The University Arborist has been consulted and the design revised to allow retention of some significant trees. Access to the car park will be from the rear via Science Road and it is proposed that a roundabout be established to allow safe passage off Daley Road to Science Road.

The National Capital Authority has been briefed and, following inspection of the site, did not have concerns beyond a requirement to site the Arborist report detailing trees that will require removal. Given Committee endorsement the Preliminary Sketch Plans will be submitted for National Capital Authority developmental approval.

The Committee endorsed the siting and concept for the Daley Road carpark, and also supported the roundabout concept and rear entry solution. The Committee noted that a more accurate rendering of the project would be provided by the Architect at Final Sketch Plan stage.

4.2 Climate High Performance Computing Centre Project
The Committee noted that the University, in consultation with the climate, marine and water research community, the National Computational Infrastructure (NCI) is planning the development of a digital laboratory for the earth system sciences. The primary objective of the project is to establish a new national peak HPC capability of petaflop scale by expanding and extending the national high-end computational capability provided through the NCI. The facility must be operational by March 2012.

Noting earlier resolutions by the Committee that future facilities of this type be located off-campus, NCI representatives in consultation with the University initially considered a number of off-campus sites, including at the CSIRO. However, the Division was asked by the University Executive to find a site for the facility on campus. Siting endorsement by the Committee is time critical given funding for the High Performance Computing Infrastructure Project needs to be signed off by the Government.

Given this, it is proposed to site a contemporary data centre able to accommodate two alternating national peak facilities and a major regional data storage node (capable of being upgraded for at least ten years) on the campus and background information including a number of siting options were considered for endorsement by the Committee. The preferred site for this complex is on the Animal Breeding Establishment site, noting that this complex will be demolished once it is no longer required – expected to be mid-2010.

Massing diagrams have yet to be completed but it is expected that the staged building will be double storey in height to house a data hall/disk space with expansion capability of up to 1512m². Emphasis on the project will be to achieve ‘green computing’ outcomes, but it was acknowledged that there will be acoustic issues possibly impacting on student accommodation across Sullivans Creek. There will be minimal office accommodation with the majority of the structure being ‘blank walled’.

The Committee endorsed the preferred site for the Climate High Performance Computing Centre project on the old Animal Breeding Establishment site. The Committee confirmed its preference for buildings of this type to be located off-campus, particularly given this is a large structure accommodating very few people.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

5.1 **Sculpture In The Garden** – Professor Williams foreshadowed for future consideration by the Committee a proposal to hold an event similar to the very popular ‘Sculpture by the Sea’ on the International Sculpture Garden site during Canberra’s centenary celebrations in 2013.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of this Committee will be on 24 June. Further meetings of the Committee will be held on, 26 August, 28 October and 9 December is suggested for the last meeting for 2010.

All meetings will be held in the Conference Room, John Yencken Building from 2pm.

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