MINUTES

MEETING CAMPUS PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CPDC)

MEET No.

PRESENT
Adjunct Prof Geoff Campbell, Appointed by Council
Mr Brody Warren, ANUSA Vice President
Mr Wayne Joseph, PARSA Representative
Mr Murray Napier, Manager Infrastructure Services
Mr Mick Serena, Director, Facilities and Services (Acting Chair)
Prof Des Nicholls, College of Business & Economics
Mr Wayne Ford, Associate Director, Facilities Planning

ATTENDING
Ms Cheryl Cairns, Secretary
Mr Brian Lane, Associate Director, Project Delivery

APOLOGIES
Prof David Williams, Prof Ken Maher (Chair), Ms Leah Ginnivan, Mr Matthew King and Ms Tooey Elliott

DATE/TIME
Thursday, 11th August 2011 / 2.00pm

VENUE
Platinum Room, Level 3, Innovations Building #124, Eggleston Road, Acton Campus

1. **Apologies / Opening**

Apologies: Prof David Williams, Ms Leah Ginnivan, Mr Matthew King, Prof Ken Maher (Chair) and Ms Tooey Elliott

2. **Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the CPDC of Thursday, 16th June 2011 are attached for confirmation.

3. **Actions/Matters arising from the Minutes**

April 21st 2011 CPDC Committee meeting minutes were amended, the minutes reflect that Adjunct Prof Geoff Campbell was in attendance.

4. **Design and Siting Submissions**

   I. **ANZSOG / National Security College**

The design proposal (by Tanner Architects) for the Australia New Zealand School of Government & the National Security Council is for the new three level building that extends & integrates to the north of the existing Crawford Building with basement parking & roof plant rooms. The new facilities will accommodate purpose designed teaching spaces along with staff & academic offices to support the user group.

The new building will be approximately 3,400m². The building will be located on the part of the site that minimises its heritage & environmental impacts. The building will be linked & integrated with the existing Crawford Building so that the existing facilities can be shared. The existing services support the proposal & most services will be extended off the existing Crawford Building services, incorporated into the building will be a lift for disabled access.
A car parking area is provided across Lennox Crossing directly opposite Old Canberra House with additional off street parking provided along Lennox Crossing. No additional car parking was provided with the construction of the Crawford Building. The resolution of car parking is an important consideration & the ANU has commenced investigations into resolving this issue. The current Noel Butlin Archives (Acton Underhill) located just north of the ANZSO Building above the Parkes Way tunnel is currently being used for storage and archives. This area was constructed as a car parking facility & the option of reinstating it as a car park is currently being investigated by the ANU. It is estimated that the Acton Underhill facility would add 280 car spaces to the area.

The proposed site is adjacent to the native grasslands that are protected under the Environmental Protection & Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act. Management of site works throughout the construction period has been agreed in advance with the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population & Communities (SEWPaC) to ensure protection & restricted access to native grasslands (a specialist consultant has been engaged, security fencing will be erected prior to construction commencement & agreement to train some university staff in the management of conservation activities associated with native grasslands). The temporary construction of site areas & access road will be restored to their existing condition with a native grass buffer to match the existing species.

The site is located on the edge of the main campus & upgrading of paths, roadways & lighting is important as part of the increasing usage in this part of the campus. The ANU are currently reviewing & incorporating these requirements as part of the campus wide master plan. Mr Lane advised that the current proposal is for final sketch plan formal endorsement, which will allow the proposal to proceed to the National Capital Authority (NCA) for works approval. Mr Lane further advised that a new version of the BCA was released in May 2011 and the architects have confirmed that the new building design conforms to the new BCA requirements and also complies with section “J” (energy related issues).

**Endorsement/ Conditions**

There were some concerns raised by Committee members in relation to the pitch of the roof, guttering, vegetation, parking issues, traffic noise, heritage & native grassland protection, however after consideration of material and discussion, the Committee **endorsed** the submission.

**II. Beryl Rawson Artwork – “Joie de Vivre**

Professor Emeritus Beryl Rawson passed away on 22 October 2010 leaving a sculpture donated to the ANU. The artwork is a piece by Patricia Lawrence titled “Joie de Vivre” an abstract figurative form. It is of bronze on a reinforced concrete charcoal plinth and stands 1.5 meters tall.

The artwork has been approved by the ANU Public Artworks Committee and will be located at the entrance to the Beryl Rawson Building.

The project budget to install the artwork is $5,000.00 and programmed to start end of June 2011.

**Endorsement / Conditions**

Following consideration of material presented & discussion the Committee **endorsed** the proposal.

**III. BURF Bike Shelters - Engineering Building #32**

In August 2009 the CPDC approved the construction of a bike shelter adjacent to the School of Engineering Building #32 as a component of the Better Universities Renewal Fund (BURF) bike shelters project. However works for the shelter were delayed until the end of 2010 due to another construction project. It is now proposed that the site be shifted to allow for a larger shelter & to make better use of space that will become free with the removal
of two trees that are nearing the end of their life expectancy. The School of Engineering has indicated a preference for the new site now that it is a feasible option with the pending removal of the trees.

The proposal is aligned with the campus Master Plan’s goals of providing more cycling infrastructure & creating a cycle friendly campus. It is believed that providing more enclosed bike storage will contribute to an increase in the number of people cycling to campus & therefore reduce transport submissions.

The proposed bike shelter is the standard module 5 ANU bike shelter design & the shelter will enable a greater number of cyclists to park their bikes in a secure location while on campus. The proposal includes access control entry, corrugated roof & lighting, both within the shelter & the path leading to the shelter. The site is a relatively open area close to pedestrian paths & building lighting so all activity around & within the shelter would be highly visible.

Mr Ford advised the Committee members that this proposal had previously been before CPDC (21st April 2011) for endorsement, however it was requested that additional information would be required to gain endorsement. The design considerations have been adjusted (similar brick components as adjacent buildings, context as to where the bike enclosure is located & context of other bike enclosures in the immediate vicinity. The improved proposal has had brick columns incorporated to the structure; the red flashing has been taken away (edging treatment to the roof structure) & incorporated the same colouring as the guttering of the adjacent building. In general the proposal is sympathetic with the surrounding architecture.

Endorsement / Conditions

Following discussion & material presented the Committee endorsed the submission.

Note: Committee members suggested the bike shelter be moved further away from the building or widen the footpath. There was some discussion that moving the shelter would create a loiter space & access to the back of the shelter would then need to be blocked off. Mr Lane proposed for future bike shelter requirements that the bike shelters be incorporated into the building form as part of the design requirements of new buildings.

5. Brief

I. ANU Exchange – Wayne Ford

Mr Ford presented a fly through on the ANU Exchange; Committee members were updated on the development within the ANU Exchange precinct.

II. Heritage Management Plan – GML

The Committee were advised by Mr Ford that the university had engaged GML to start our heritage assessments, the assessment for the Acton Campus is expected to be finished at the end of 2011 & associated with that is a heritage management manual, which will be updated as we receive the completed heritage studies & assessments.

6. Campus Advisory Sub-Committee (CASC)

The unconfirmed minutes of the Campus Advisory Sub-Committee meeting held on 6th July 2011 will be available on the day

7. Other Business

I. Flag / Flagpoles - Following discussion, re: letter from Aaron McDonald (flags / flagpoles), the unanimous resolution of the Committee members was that there is sufficient recognition of the identity & link of the university to Australia (i.e. that the university is in the capital of Australia, that we are called the Australian National University) & that little additional benefit would be derived by flying a flag / flags at the ANU campus. A response will be sent to Aaron McDonald in due course informing him of the Committee’s decision.
II. Building & Campus Works – Mr Geoff Campbell raised the question as to whether or not it was possible to look collectively at the significant change in building & campus works that has taken place in the last 10 to 15 years in relation to building more environmentally responsible buildings & to what extent the measures have been successful in respect to the whole of campus. Mr Lane & Mr Ford advised that studies have been done over time & that there would be a substantial amount of information already on file; however it was agreed that a presentation would be held at a future date.

III. ANUSA Vice President – Brody Warren raised the issue of a fixed BBQ in Union Court. Mr Serena advised that the best option would be to discuss the proposal with F&S & then the proposal could be progressed through the normal planning process. Mr Ford further advised that F&S staff were currently assessing the campus landscape for appropriate areas to install permanent BBQ facilities.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the CPDC is 11th August 2011

The CPDC Meetings for 2011 are as follows:

- 6 October 2011;
- 1 December 2011