

COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS PLANNING AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

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The committee met six times in 2016-2017.

September's meeting was devoted to plans for the year, and a list of possible guests and topics was assembled.

In October, committee member James Wang, Vice President, Facilities, presented the documents for the Trustees' Physical Assets Committee meeting later that week. Mr. Wang presents those documents for three of the Trustees' four quarterly meetings, which review projects for which funding is requested.

In November, Gail Beltrone, Vice President, Campus Services, Barnard, gave an update on plans for the new teaching and learning center that replaces the college's Lehman Library. The new center, designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, will have approximately twice the square footage of the library it replaces. Most of the building will be four stories, with one portion rising to 11 stories. The library will be on floors 2-4 and the rest of the space will include dry labs, classrooms, student study spaces, a center for digital humanities, a computational science center and a maker space. It will also be the new home of the Center for Research on Women.

Thomas Jessell, Claire Tow Professor of Motor Neuron Disorders and co-director of the Mortimer B. Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Institute, visited the committee in January. He gave a progress report on the Greene Neuroscience Center, where finishing work was proceeding although people had already moved in. Twenty-two new hires had been made, including Tommy Vaughan to run the brain imaging center. The institute includes both junior and senior researchers and graduate students in neurobiology and behavior. So far, undergraduate students were not involved, although Prof. Jessell said there had been much discussion of whether the core curriculum would benefit from a neurobiology course. There is an education center with space for 30-36 students to do lab work. The Greene Center is supported by donations and is raising an endowment. They had several professional fundraisers, including Susan Feagin, the former executive vice president for university development and alumni relations.

In March, the committee heard from Mary Boyce, Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science. Dean Boyce described the school's continuing expansion and increased need for space. She had commissioned a space inventory when she first became dean. The school was focusing on renovations rather than new building partly for reasons of cost and partly because renovations are accomplished faster. SEAS collaborates with CUMC on the medical campus and is relocating some faculty to the Mind Brain Behavior Center in Manhattanville; it also has faculty in the Northwest Corner Building. Dean Boyce said the school was not planning to continue to increase in size, but it planned to move to Manhattanville entirely at some point. In the meantime, one initiative she said

was especially successful was the recent expansion of the Carlton Commons on the campus level of Mudd, providing a cafeteria and tables where people could eat, work and hang out.

In April, the committee met jointly with the Senate Housing Policy Committee. Troy Eggers, Vice Provost for Administration and Planning, presented an overview of Columbia's off-campus residential holdings. Columbia houses about 45 percent of its tenured and tenure-track faculty and provides many apartments to students; about 4 percent of apartments are occupied by retirees. Mr. Eggers said that he and Prof. Don Davis had started a housing mobility program a few years ago, whereby they tried to relocate retirees who were in large apartments who no longer needed as much space. So far about 15 tenants have moved to smaller apartments through the program. This is important because Columbia doesn't own enough housing to meet demand, and its inability to provide sufficient housing, particularly to families with children, reduced the university's competitiveness in recruiting faculty.

The committee wishes to thank Ron Breslow and Lisa Northrop for their leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

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