

CAPITAL ASSET TASK FORCE (CATF)

MINUTES FROM THE 12/8/08 MEETING

The Capital Asset Task Force (CATF) held its organizational meeting on Monday, December 8. Vice Chancellor Hatch provided an update on Capital Plan II, the plan for campus buildings and renovations over the next five years, summarizing available funding for both the Science and Academic Classroom Studies.

Campus Planning Director, Jim Cahill, provided an overview of the Science Study Report from Wilson Architects, including describing a two phase approach and a timeline of milestones. Under this study the architects have held numerous interviews with science faculty and deans to determine current and future needs, assess all existing research space for the sciences, and will eventually make recommendations for a new science building, including recommendations for renovation of current research space that may become vacant as a result of moves into the new facility. They will also provide a comprehensive evaluation of all science needs that is expected to be beyond the scope of the new science building. The Academic Classroom Study, the contract for which was just awarded, will follow the same process used as in the Science Study.

The CATF then discussed its role. The CATF agreed to the following:

1. The CATF charge should read: To provide recommendations to the Capital Asset Board and the Chancellor with respect to planning for an implementation of the Science Study and the Academic Classroom Study.
2. The CATF agreed that it should function as a group that reviews the recommendations from Wilson Architects and offers advice on the propriety of those recommendations. The advice may consist of priority recommendations as well as advice on the scope of future projects.
3. The CATF recognized that its Spring 2009 function is to review and advise on the Science Report only because the Academic Classroom Study will not be ready for similar review until the summer or fall term in 2009.
4. The CATF agreed to meet again on Tuesday, January 13, at 8:15 AM in the Whitmore Board Room. At that meeting the CATF members will hear a more in-depth report from campus officials on the work and processes that Wilson Architects have used on the Science Study, which should be helpful in providing context for the review of the upcoming comprehensive Science Study. Also, the members will hear a report from the science deans on the type and scope of proposed research that the Science Study is meant to address.
5. The CATF agreed to meet again on Tuesday, January 20 at 8:15 AM in the Whitmore Board Room. At that meeting the CATF members will hear a presentation on the status/recommendations from the Science Study by Wilson Architects. This date is tentative at this time and will be confirmed later to ensure that the architects are far enough along in their work to make the presentation.