DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: May 25, 2007

Meeting No. 63

ATTENDEES: Kum-Kum Bhavnani
Marc Fisher
Kathryn Kanjo
Dennis McFadden
Chris Lavino
Frank Castanha
Joanie Paik (Studios)
Alan Walker
Mark Rupert (Studios)
Chris Mitchell (Studios)
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Michael Wester (UCOP)
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ITEM DESCRIPTION

**Engineering II Addition** - Chris Mitchell, Studios Architecture

Project Proponent: Chris Lavino, College of Engineering (COE)

The project adds additional office, classroom, and meeting space at the SW corner of the Engineering II building. The space is to be used by the COE, Solid State Lighting Center. The site is currently occupied by a bicycle parking lot and bike lane/circle. The project includes new fire sprinklers and fire alarm system in the existing building.

- The West elevation was discussed at length. The DRC felt that the elevation did not express the function behind the façade and could lead to an impression that this was the building entrance or a major meeting space. The occupants do not want this to become the major building entry.
- The issues of continuity, relative importance, and opportunity were discussed in terms of the proposed elevations.
- Create a focal point i.e. conference room on the second floor.
- The portal leading into Engineering II was discussed. The DRC requested options for enhancement of this area both at the pedestrian level and above the portal on the west and east facades.
- Exterior changes at the portal might include a canopy or signage. Continue to work on creating obvious entry information, i.e. directory, digital display.
- The building exterior should be vibrant
- The plaster of the existing building or a cement board should be used to connect the new with the old
- Inside the Quad area (NE corner), create more people space on all three floors, change railing, create light in classrooms, and re-organize public spaces
- Increase the classroom size on the first floor
- Landscape issue — revise site plan, finalize work
- The bike path should be relocated as a component of the project
- Develop studies for a solar array on the rooftop (Marc Fisher)

Action: No action was taken. The DRC requested that Studios continue to work on the building design and to bring it back to the committee for consideration.