Report to the University Senate:
Council on the Physical Environment (COPE)

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The members represent faculty, staff and students. We are grateful to all the Resource Members of the committee who generously contribute their time to keep us informed of the range of activities, policies, fiscal background, and operations on and around the University. Their insights and information are very helpful as the committee addresses pertinent issues.

As defined by the Senate, the duties and responsibilities of the Council on the Physical Environment are general:

(1) Take a broad and encompassing perspective of the physical environment of the University as it affects the academic enterprise and quality of life for the University community, propose policies, review and recommend action regarding proposed major projects, and consult with the University administration about matters within its domain:
a. Teaching and learning environment: adequate classroom and teaching laboratory space; priorities for new construction to advance the academic enterprise; and priorities for renovation of academic facilities, especially classrooms and teaching laboratories.
b. Movement around campus: policies and projects to ease movement around campus by all relevant means, including but not limited to pedestrian, bicycle, motorized traffic, and mass transportation; policies and proposals concerning parking, public safety including institutional security, fire safety, risk reduction, and personal safety.
c. The campus and the university district environment: activities undertaken to facilitate campus master planning and to implement the plans adopted; initiatives undertaken to advance the objectives of improving conditions in the university district, and activities of affiliated entities to promote them.

(2) Recommend items for senate action, review matters within its purview, hear periodic reports from relevant university organizations and administrative offices, and report annually to the senate.

**Annual Report**

COPE is a representative forum for sharing information, ideas and proposed solutions to questions or problems related to the university physical environment. At the beginning of the 2005-2006 academic year the committee identified issues that they wanted to learn more about and/or address over the next year. COPE also assessed how they could most effectively function to achieve the goals outlined in its charge.

As a result, the committee chose to meet the first Thursday of each month. For each of these meetings, a speaker is invited to address/update COPE on the issue. Discussion then follows as to the role the membership needs to take related to each issue. Below is listed the agenda for this academic year and the role the committee plans to play related to those issues that have already been discussed.

In addition, COPE is asked to have representatives serve on appropriate ad hoc and standing committees within the University. Currently, Jack Nasar is serving on a Crosswalk Planning Committee and Karen Bruns is serving on the Space and Facilities Committee.

**December, 2005**

*Future of Facilities Operations & Development – Melissa Bellini*

COPE Role – Members share information with everyone and encourage customers that may have been frustrated in the past to try using FOD services again. Present FOD restructuring as part of COPE’s annual
report. COPE members provide FOD with feedback on restructuring – are customers noticing a positive difference in service?

January 5, 2006 Classroom Pool Rooms (speakers Bill Hoza, Mike Veres and Jim Palavin)
COPE Role – formed a subcommittee to work with Bill Hoza, Mike Veres and Jim Palavin to look at the issues surrounding the classroom pools and to make recommendations related to issues that will impact the future of these facilities- including but not limited to funding, presence within the University administrative structure, appropriate structure. This should all be considered in the context of the role classroom pool rooms play in achieving the goals of the University.

February 2, 2006 Publications on Campus – Michael Lavish

March 2, 2006 Updates and Identification of Upcoming Issues – COPE Resource Members

April 6, 2006 Parking Availability and Costs and Buses and Mass Transit – Sarah Blouch

May 4, 2006 Report of the Classroom Pool Committee

June 1, 2006 Bikeway Planning, Crosswalk Planning and Update on FOD

Conclusion
This report summaries the work and focus of the current COPE committee. COPE and its subcommittees will discuss and study these issues over the next few months and will bring specific recommendations to the Steering Committee for additional dialogue and action as needed.