



Polytechnic Investment Case Task Force Physical and Technological Infrastructure

Meeting Minutes 3/25/2026

Attendees:

Sal Cintorino, Sean McNickle, Steven VanVoorhis, Tina Rivera, Thomas Burkholder, Xudong Jia, Marvin Wilson, Robbin Smith, Amanda Tellier, and Shelby Summers.

The committee discussed their in-person visits to the areas assigned during the previous meeting to inventory classroom and lab spaces in selected buildings. While significant information was collected, the committee was posed with the question as to whether they should also include an evaluation of the condition of the classrooms and labs to indicate if certain rooms would require updates/renovations, etc. in order to more efficiently utilize these spaces. The committee may also decide to conduct additional assessments for some of the spaces, such as lab spaces in Maloney Hall, Maria Sanford Hall, and Copernicus Hall. Information describing the condition of the spaces could prove useful to the Resource Development and Investment Plan Task Force as they compile their financial plan.

The next phase of this committee will be to evaluate the technological infrastructure. Once all of the data for the physical and technological infrastructure has been compiled, we plan to meet with the Academic Programs Task Force to get a clearer picture of what type of spaces and equipment would be needed to sustain the programs that support the polytechnic designation.

The committee reviewed the differences between a typical classroom space, a specialty room/lab, and a research lab. Currently, specialty labs can be used for multiple teaching methods while research labs are not scheduled for classes through the Registrar's Office, but are most often scheduled and used by a particular department. This ensures that research labs are available for extended periods of time to allow faculty and students to work on special projects as their schedules allow. The evaluation of our current spaces will give a better indication of what changes or additions may be needed for polytechnic lab and research spaces.

For the next committee meeting, if we can bring everyone's assessments together with the information provided by Information Technology, the Registrar's Office, and Facilities we can begin to look for any conflicts and see if there are any spaces the group may want to rethink.