



Facilities Planning Committee
September 16, 2026
Via Teams

Attendees: Karen Arborio, Coordinator of Capital Projects
Lisa Bucher, Chief Budget and Compliance Officer
Sal Cintonino, Vice President Operations
Dr George Claffey, VP for Technology and Strategic Initiatives
Dr Kim Kostelis, Provost
Dr Michael Russo, VP Student Affairs
Dr Robbin Smith, for Faculty Senate
Steve VanVoorhis, Director of Facilities Management
Stacey Votto, University Counsel
Chris Wethje, Chief Human Resources Officer

Overview of Facilities Planning Committee

Goal is to meet monthly to review ongoing projects and projects that come up. Please submit agenda items/items for consideration to Rene at karasr@ccsu.edu 7 days before the meeting. This time will be used to get feedback from the appropriate Executive Committee member.

Typical project sequencing:

Academic Department Chair/Staff Department-→Dean/Coordinator-→Director/Dept Head→Provost/Chief Officer

We will invite deans to an FPC meeting at least once annually (plan for Oct 2026 meeting). We want to make sure we have full communication of what is being worked on.

Deferred maintenance funds from the state are usually planned accordingly and focused for several years out for things such as mechanicals and parking garages.

Equipment funds from the state are used for assets such as computers (currently a 6 year replacement cycle on campus).

One-time funds can also be requested thru the campus budget process.

Funding sources also exist for sustainability, ADA compliance and health and safety. A number of campus fire alarm systems are currently outdated with replacement costs at \$500k-\$1m.

Copernicus Hall

- Hospital Corridor: nearing completion, SIM equipment expected in Oct
- Health Education Clinic Phase II: added flexible space, meditation room and expanded fitness assessment area
- Lab renovations: on going
- Anatomy/Physiology tables: can be used by multiple academic departments (for example, virtual dissection, airway management)
- Door/Lock replacement: existing doors not ADA compliant and cannot be drilled thru. Phased project for floor by floor replacement.
- Greenhouse on roof in use with daily watering. Current leaks on roof, liquid membrane not feasible due to mechanicals on roof. Work to retain a consultant to assess and develop recommendations.

Memorial Hall

- DCS project lack of efficiency and effectiveness. Third party has determined lack of quality work and incorrect and releasing contractors and subs, returning project to the University
- Select refreshes and updates completed in dining areas

Carroll

- Exterior stairwell added per fire marshal request for second shorter egress

Willard DiLoreto

- Wellness Center: creation of relaxation space, collaboration space and meeting area

Other projects

- Energy Center tunnel repairs ongoing
- Andover locking system no longer supported, ongoing update to Lenel
- Devils Den Yellas: investment by Sodexo with student input. Created space for commuters and residence life students to collaborate
- Student Center furniture: SUBOG approved purchasing additional furniture, potential repainting for CCSU branding
- Garage repairs ongoing. In the case of Copernicus Garage, multi year process to take offline including securing off site parking, bus/drop offs, remove existing structure
- Kaiser locker rooms: request by faculty representative to create private spaces instead of current open space. Determine what can be done.
- Switchgear: recent issue not power related, issue with distribution, estimated \$100k to replace switch, identify schedule
- MCRH steamline rupture: determine costs and repair timeline
- MCRH smoke detectors: evaluation of existing detectors, 4 years of useful life. Recommendation to replace as they are no longer supported. Working with Fire Marshal as gas is only in the basement for an emergency back up system.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rene Karas