The President has spent the past six weeks touring and gathering input from faculty and staff regarding each major building on campus. A summary of concerns and needs that were identified during this review will be shared. Staff is also in the process of developing a draft District wide construction plan for the Board to consider. This plan will include suggested project priorities, a possible time line for each project and potential funding sources. Initial project cost estimates indicate that the District’s overall funding need is in the neighborhood of $250 million. This requirement far exceeds expected funding resources (Measure A Bond, frontage development, State, capital campaign, specialized grants, etc). Therefore, the Board of Trustees will have to determine project priorities, since not all needs can be met within expected resources. Also, the Board may wish to consider identifying new funding resources.

After receiving input regarding the Board’s project priorities, staff will incorporate these priorities into preparation of the District’s five-year capital plan, which must be submitted to the State by June 1, 2006. This five-year capital plan is really a subset of the more comprehensive District wide construction plan which will require a project timeline that goes well beyond a five-year window. When staff understands the Board of Trustees’ priorities, staff will amend the District’s current land use plan that the Board of Trustees approved in Spring 2006 to reflect current priorities.

Staff will not be able to complete the District wide planning documents until the day of the Board meeting. The documents will be distributed at the Board meeting.