Pegi opened the meeting at 3:03pm.

The minutes of March 10, 2008 were approved unanimously. (Bone/Graziani)

Solar Energy on Aptos Campus:
Doug explained the current thinking on possible locations for a solar installation is on rooftops rather than the hillside and that the college would have to bear the increased liability risk. Rick asked what is the risk. The risk is losing the roof warranties, which are 30 years, and whether the roofs will support the additional weight in conformance with DSA requirements. It is possible to have DSA assess one building, but the larger questions is whether the District is in a position to self-insure $5 million of solar panels on rooftops. Brian asked about installing panels on the new buildings. Dan commented that the new AEC buildings have HVAC and other systems on them. Staff noted that given the orientation of the AEC buildings, solar was not even considered for these buildings. Paul explained that staff is looking into incorporating into the new Watsonville campus, however. Ryan asked if an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been done on the hillside. Staff replied that an EIR would have to be done for a solar installation on the hillside, but it would probably be a negative declaration. Congress could extend the tax credit deadline, but it is unlikely at this time. Staff proposed that technological advances in 5 to 10 years may offer better options.

Pegi noted that this news is very disappointing. Debora commented that solar will continue to develop and that new federal and state incentives may become available in the future. Doug noted that since no money is allocated to this project, it would have to pay for itself through savings in energy costs. Cabrillo’s 21KV project provides a very favorable rate for Cabrillo’s energy costs and peak usage is as sunset. Soquel High pays 30% more for energy.
Pegi noted that water damage to the infrastructure was repaired when the roofs were replaced. Joe noted that while there may be some increase in longevity with covered roofs, the heat generated by the panels will increase degradation. Rob stated that in general, it is best not to penetrate roofs.

Brian asked about other conservation methods, such as better management systems for lighting and heating, insulation in attics. Joe is working on developing an energy plan by the end of the year. There are easier things that can be done with a higher payback, such as replacing the pool heater and boiler for $10,000 and realizing a $4,000 annual savings in energy costs. Dan noted that we are so close to completing the College Master Plan, he hates to see us take our eyes off of the target, especially since dollars have shrunk. Michele agreed that the risk is daunting. Rick agreed that other opportunities will come down the road.

Ryan asked if solar can be integrated into the College Master Plan. Pegi replied that Joe is developing an energy plan that is achievable. Ryan noted that if financial resources are limited to do studies, engineering students are willing to donate their time. Michelle Merrill is actively seeking students for cooperative work experience for credit. Doug noted that the new Watsonville location is a logical site for a solar class.

Campus signage: Rob distributed handouts on the kiosk format and map insert. Mary will review it for accuracy. The map will be a vinyl insert that can be replaced relatively affordably; changing signs once a year is budgeted. The committee offered corrections and suggestions. Twenty kiosks will be installed around campus by fall. Directional signs for the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) will be installed at the same time.

Naming conventions: Staff explained that the current convention of sequencing isn’t working. Another option is to name a building, such as Theater (TH) then rooms on the first floor are in the 100 series, second floor 200 series. There was discussion on various distinctions that are important, such as the Theater building where classes are held as opposed to the performance space, the Crocker Theater. Renee suggested consistency between the schedule and kiosk maps.

Dan noted that he doesn’t see that will be a problem, once the convention is embraced and becomes consistent. Pegi noted that there has been some initial confusion in using the convention with the Student Activities Center (SAC). Counselors direct people to go to 202, not SAC-202. Brian suggested that since the buildings are similar in appearance, the numbers don’t mean anything and that it is desirable to make the convention more user friendly. Michele suggested an information sign be posted when the Cabrillo stage moves to the new location. Staff suggested having a person on location to direct the public to the new location would be a good idea. The group agreed on a new general convention.
Space reuse/update: Two instructional groups are yet to meet with space planners. Non-instructional groups are meeting this week. Brian requested a revised timeline and meeting grid to be posted online. Dan asked if the notes from space planners are posted online. Notes will be posted online once finalized.

Doug noted that due to the strict timeline on the renovation of the 300 buildings with $3 million of secured state funds, architects are being selected now. The space will be renovated into ten general classrooms and 8 offices.

Next meeting: April 28, 2008 at 3:00 in room 804A.

Pegi adjourned the meeting at 4:13 pm.