



BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
**Office of the Executive Vice President
and Chief Operating Officer**

TO: All Members of the Brandeis Community
FROM: Peter B. French, Executive VP/COO
SUBJECT: Update on Capital Projects
DATE: May 12, 2008

I would like to update you on the status of the many construction and renovation projects underway on the Brandeis campus and to give those of you who will be returning in the fall a preview of some changes you can expect to see when you return. This and my previous community update memos are available on the EVP/COO website, at www.brandeis.edu/evpcoo (click on the [News and Info](#) and [Archives](#) links). Further information on capital projects may be found at www.brandeis.edu/capitalprojects. To go immediately to information about any of the following, links are provided below.

Projects under construction or in design:

- [Energy Savings Program, Phase 2](#)
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- [New Ridgewood Residence Halls](#)
- [New Shapiro Admissions Center AND Temporary Admissions Office](#)
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Consistent with President Reinharz's and the University's commitment as a charter signatory to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, all capital projects at Brandeis are designed and built to a LEED silver equivalent or better standard, incorporating environmentally responsible design and construction practices.

If you have questions about any of these projects, please refer to the contact information at the end of this memo.

Energy Savings Program, Phase 2

The Energy Savings Program was initiated in FY 2005 and Phase 2 is ongoing. For the five-year period from FY2005 through today, \$9.1 million has been allocated for campus energy-conservation measures. The result of the program to-date has been that 11 percent less electricity and 26 percent less natural gas was consumed in 2007 as compared to 2004 (after adjusting for degree-days and campus square footage).

Science Complex Renewal Project, Phase 1

The Science Complex Renewal Project is putting in place new facilities to support the future of science at Brandeis and to renovate existing facilities selectively, to enable their best use. Phase 1 of the project consists of the new building of approximately 100,000 square feet, now highly visible, adjacent to Kalman. This new building, to be named the Carl J. Shapiro Science Center, is on schedule for completion in winter of this year; move-in is scheduled during the spring 2009 semester. A new central utilities plant to serve the Science Complex is also nearing completion northeast of the Complex.

The new Phase 1 building will connect to Rosenstiel and Edison-Lecks, and an additional multilevel connector is nearing completion between Rosenstiel and Kosow; this connector is expected to be complete by the end of this summer. Renovations in Gerstenzang are nearly complete, and renovations in Rosenstiel are expected to be complete this winter. Once the new building is occupied, selective renovations in Bassine will take place (through summer 2009).

Following creation of the new Phase 1 building, Friedland and Kalman, the two oldest buildings within the Science Complex, are scheduled to be removed (by fall 2009 and spring 2010, respectively). Continuation of planning for Phase 2, leading to completion of Phase 2 design, will commence this summer.

New Ridgewood Residence Halls

The new Ridgewood Residence Halls will provide 184 beds in apartment-style housing. Each apartment will have all single bedrooms, a living room, and a kitchen. Building A (the northernmost of the three) will include the South Campus Commons, a 3,200-square-foot multipurpose space for events, dances, presentations, and general student use. A kitchen in the South Campus Commons will allow for larger group meals. All three buildings will have entry lounges, and Building C will include the Quad Director's office and an office for Community Advisors.

As part of this project and the new Shapiro Admissions Project, new landscape spaces will be created between Admissions and Slosberg and in the space to the south framed by the new buildings, and a new section of the Brandeis Walk (the central pedestrian spine) will connect the section at the Village to the section running by the Shapiro Campus Center Great Lawn. New ADA-accessible paths will provide access to the entire south residential area. A new Admissions visitor parking lot (near Slosberg) has been created, and final paving of that lot will take place this fall. The Admissions Office will also have approximately twenty-five dedicated spaces in the Theater Lot, which will be indicated with signs.

The New Ridgewood Residence Halls project is on schedule for occupancy in time for the start of the spring 2009 semester.

New Carl and Ruth Shapiro Admissions Center AND Temporary Admissions Office

The project to create the new Carl and Ruth Shapiro Admissions Center includes removal of the existing 10,400 gross square foot Admissions Building and construction of a new, more broadly conceived Center of approximately 20,700 gross square feet. The new Center will include: a Welcome Center, with graphic displays celebrating Brandeis University's history and highlighting faculty and student accomplishments; a Financial Services satellite office to provide information to waiting parents and prospective students; all Admissions Office functions, including a 100-seat presentation room with state-of-the-art presentation technologies, a waiting area accommodating 100 visitors, support operations, and enlarged visitor restrooms.

Design for the new Center is expected to be complete by the end of May. Abatement of the existing Admissions Building will begin in early June and demolition will take place in July, with the new Center projected to be complete by July 2009. Occupancy is scheduled in time for the start of the fall 2009 semester.

Temporary Admissions Office: While construction of the new Center is underway, the Admissions Office will occupy space on level 2 of Bernstein-Marcus, with Admissions Operations functions nearby on the upper level of Gryzmish Hall. To enable this, Financial Services has relocated to newly renovated space at 60 Turner St. Stephen Costa, Budget Analyst, and Frank Urso, AVP for Students & Enrollment, whose offices were on the upper level of Gryzmish, relocated today to temporary offices on the second floor of the Shapiro Campus Center, within the electronic library.

Renovation of Bernstein-Marcus level 2 is close to complete, and the Admissions Office is scheduled to relocate to its temporary home on Bernstein-Marcus 2 (and Gryzmish 2) on Tuesday, May 20 (Admissions Operations functions move to Gryzmish) and Wednesday, May 21 (all other Admissions functions move to Bernstein-Marcus 2). Apart from Admissions operations, which will remain in continuous operation, the Admissions office will be closed to visitors on May 20 and will re-open to visitors on May 21.

To accommodate visitors in wheelchairs or with mobility limitations, the existing Human Resources satellite office on the main level of Gryzmish will close today, May 12, and that space will function as the ADA-accessible welcome and interview space for the temporary Admissions Office beginning May 20.

Mandel Center for the Humanities

Creation of the Mandel Humanities Center will constitute Phase 1 of the North Academic Quad Master Plan developed in 2007 with the assistance of the architectural and planning firm of Kallmann, McKinnell and Wood (KMW), building on the 2001 Chan Krieger Campus Master Plan. The Phase 1 Mandel Humanities Center will be located at the southwest corner of the North Academic Quadrangle, adjacent to Olin-Sang and Golding. The architects are exploring the possibility of connecting the building to Olin-Sang and Golding, initiating the process of physically joining all of the buildings laid out in the Chan

Krieger and KMW plans. The new building is expected to provide greatly improved ADA access to the Quad.

Programming for the Mandel Humanities Center was completed in February, with input from an advisory group of faculty, students, and staff, and schematic design is underway. The Mandel Humanities Center is projected to be complete in fall 2010.

Usen Residence Hall Renovation

Continuing the program of residence hall upgrades carried out over the past several years, renovations are about to begin for Usen Residence Hall in Massell Quad, with occupancy slated for the start of the spring 2009 semester. These renovations will be consistent with recent renovations at Scheffres, Gordon, Renfield, and DeRoy halls.

Questions?

Please contact Dan Feldman, Vice President for Capital Projects, at x6-8405 or by email to feldman@brandeis.edu, with questions about the following projects:

- Science Complex Renewal, Phase 1
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More information about these and other capital projects can be found on the website of the Office of Capital Projects at www.brandeis.edu/capitalprojects.

Please contact Mark Collins, Vice President for Campus Operations, at x6-4564 or by email to collins@brandeis.edu, with questions about the following projects:

- Phase 2 Energy Savings Program
- Usen Residence Hall Renovation

Wishing all members of the Brandeis community an enjoyable and productive summer.