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TO: All Members of the Brandeis Community
FROM: Peter B. French, Executive VP/COO
SUBJECT: Update on Summer 2008 Capital Projects and Campus Improvements
DATE: August 22, 2008

I would like to welcome back to campus all members of the Brandeis community. As I have in the past, I am writing to report on capital projects and some of the many campus improvements completed or underway this past summer as well as on two projects now being designed. This and my previous community update memos are available on the EVP/COO website, at www.brandeis.edu/evpcoo (click the [News and Info](#) and [Archives](#) links). Further information on capital projects can be found at www.brandeis.edu/capitalprojects.

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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 (the LEED system has been developed by the U.S. Green Building Council to guide sustainability efforts in construction and renovation), 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.

Projects completed this summer or currently under construction:

Science Complex Renewal Project, Phase 1

Phase 1 of the Science Complex Renewal Project includes, most prominently, the new building of just over 100,000 square feet adjacent to Kalman. This new building, to be named the Carl J. Shapiro Science Center, is on schedule for completion in winter 2008/09, with move-in scheduled during the spring 2009 semester. The Shapiro Science Center will provide two floors of biology and chemistry teaching labs and classrooms, three floors devoted to research labs, as well as an atrium and café. The new central utilities plant to serve the Science Complex is also nearing completion northeast of the Complex.

Glazing and exterior cladding are close to completion for the new Phase 1 building, which will connect to Rosenstiel and Edison-Lecks. An additional multilevel connector is close to completion between Rosenstiel and Kosow. Renovations in Gerstenzang are complete, and renovations in Rosenstiel are underway and are expected to be complete by the end of 2008. 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 in fall 2009. Planning for Phase 2 of the Science Complex Renewal Project is now underway.

New Ridgewood Residence Halls

The three buildings that comprise what are temporarily being called the new Ridgewood Residence Halls will provide 184 beds in apartment-style housing beginning in January 2009. 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 Community Development Coordinator's office and an office for Community Advisors.

This summer, brickwork was completed for all three buildings, and window installations are nearing completion. Sheetrocking continues in the buildings' interiors, and millwork and finishing is underway in Building A (nearest to the loop road). Landscaping of the

newly created quad area framed by the three buildings and the Village is about to begin. Landscaping of the Admissions Quad (north of Building A) will be carried out in connection with the new Admissions Center project (see below). The new Admissions visitor parking lot created near Slosberg will receive final paving in connection with the New Carl and Ruth Shapiro Admissions Center project (see below).

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

Usen Residence Hall Renovation

Continuing the program of residence hall upgrades carried out over the past several years, renovations have begun at 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 DeRoy, Renfield, Gordon, and Scheffres residence halls.

New Carl and Ruth Shapiro Admissions Center AND Temporary Admissions Office

Earlier this month, the former Admissions Building was removed to make way for a new, expanded Carl and Ruth Shapiro Admissions Center. Over 90% of the construction material from the former Admission building is being recycled. The new Shapiro Admissions Center will include a welcome center, 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.

Preparation for this project included relocation of the tel-data hub serving the entire south campus, which was carried out this summer. Sitework for the new Admissions Center is beginning now, and concrete and structural steelwork will take approximately seven months. Work on interiors will follow in early 2009, and completion of construction is scheduled for the end of July 2009, with occupancy projected in time for the start of the fall 2009 semester.

As part of the Shapiro Admissions Center Project, a new landscaped Admissions Quad will be created between the Admissions Center and Slosberg, 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.

Temporary Admissions Office: While construction of the new Admissions Center is underway, the Admissions Office is occupying space on level 2 of Bernstein-Marcus, with Admissions Operations functions nearby on the upper level of Gryzmish. To enable this, Financial Services was 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, are temporarily located in offices on the second floor of the Shapiro Campus Center, within the electronic library.

Hiatt Career Center Renovation

This summer, renovation of the Hiatt Career Center in Usdan was completed. Move-in is taking place this coming week. The Center has expanded somewhat, with the triangular area adjacent to the Center becoming a new reception and waiting area. The main entrance to the Hiatt Career Center is now directly off the Usdan courtyard, though the Career Center can still be accessed through the hallway off the southeast lobby of Usdan.

Kutz Hall — Two New Classrooms

Two new classrooms were created this summer on the main level of Kutz Hall, replacing two classrooms being converted to Psychology research labs in Schwartz Hall. The new classrooms are ADA-accessible, and conform to the latest standards for Brandeis classrooms.

Quiznos and Expanded C-Store in Usdan Student Center / Stein and Faculty Club

A new state-of-the-art convenience store in Usdan Student Center is being completed and is scheduled to begin operating on August 24. The expanded C-Store, now located on the dining level in Usdan, is right next to the Game Room, and students will notice that a portion of the Game Room has been taken and allocated to this C-Store expansion. At the same time, the Game Room, while smaller, has been improved, with many new attractions and additional games, including electronic gaming and shuffleboard.

Toward the end of September, a new Quiznos will open in the old C-Store location on the Boulevard level of Usdan Student Center. Quiznos will be open for both lunch and dinner. Both the expanded C-Store and the new Quiznos should prove to be welcome additions for students, faculty, and staff throughout the University.

With the creation of the new Quiznos dining option, lunch will not be served at the Stein through the fall semester. The Stein will remain open for dinner and for the popular late night Ollie's Eatery diner. At the Faculty Club, additional seating, menu modifications, and hot buffet options have been added to better serve the entire community. The Faculty Club is now open to all faculty, staff, and students who wish to have lunch in that facility.

Improvements to Hassenfeld Parking Lot

As part of the University's continuing effort to address parking and pedestrian safety issues, major repairs to the Hassenfeld parking lot were carried out this summer. New asphalt was laid down, and new striping was applied to the lot.

Practice Field and Chapels Field

Students returning to campus will notice that, from early morning until mid- to late-afternoon on weekdays, there are now contractors' vehicles parked on the practice field adjacent to the train station. This was necessitated by the number of projects underway at Brandeis and the number of associated contractors requiring parking. For as long as the practice field is needed for contractor parking, scheduling of Chapels Field will be handled

by Athletics. Sports club members should contact Athletics to schedule practice time on Chapels Field.

South Campus Steam Loop Improvements

The University's ongoing steam line installation/replacement program continues. This summer, the University focused its efforts on the south end of campus in the area north of Spingold Theater. This work will enable the University to provide a more consistent level of steam service to the entire campus and will boost the capacity to the south end of campus for future buildings.

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 fiscal year 2005 through today, \$9.1 million has been allocated for campus energy-conservation measures. The result of the program to-date has been that 10 percent less electricity and 27 percent less natural gas was consumed in fiscal year 2008 as compared to fiscal year 2004. Partly in connection with this program, in March of this year, the University brought on board Janna Cohen-Rosenthal as its first Sustainability Coordinator. Part of Janna's role is to promote energy conservation awareness on the part of students, faculty, and staff.

Projects currently in design:

Mandel Center for the Humanities

Programming for the Mandel Humanities Center was completed in February 2008 and Schematic Design, the first phase of the overall design process, was completed in June. Throughout, input was provided by an advisory group of faculty, students, and staff. The architects, Kallmann, McKinnell & Wood (KMW), are now at work on the next phase, Design Development.

The Mandel Humanities Center will constitute Phase 1 of the North Academic Quad Master Plan developed in 2007 with the assistance of KMW, building on the University's 2001 Chan Krieger Campus Master Plan. The Mandel Humanities Center will be located to the south of Olin-Sang, to which it will connect. It will be possible to enter the new building directly from the lobby of Olin-Sang as well as through the Center's main entrance, which will face the loop road to the south. The Mandel Humanities Center will provide greatly improved ADA access to the Quad.

The Mandel Humanities Center will feature a large, multi-purpose space for talks, gatherings, and other events, adjacent to an outdoor terrace. The uppermost level of the four-story building will include a reading room and a roof garden. The building will include a 100-seat theater/lecture hall, a 50-seat, tiered classroom, and two new 24-seat seminar rooms. Construction of the Mandel Humanities Center is scheduled to begin in late May 2009, and the Center is expected to be complete in fall 2010.

Edmond J. Safra Center for the Arts, Phase 1

The Edmond J. Safra Fine Arts Building, being designed by Moshe Safdie & Associates, constitutes phase 1 of the Edmond J. Safra Center for the Arts. The building will be located between the Rose Art Museum and the Goldman-Schwartz Fine Arts Studios, and will take the form of a “bridge,” to maintain a broad, ground-level connection to the wetlands behind. The Edmond J. Safra Fine Arts Building will include a gallery, Post-Bac and senior studios, painting, and drawing studios. The lower level will include a large lecture hall and a seminar room, and will comprise the new Pollack Fine Arts Teaching Center, replacing the current Pollack building, which will be removed to make way for the Edmond J. Safra Fine Arts Building.

Moshe Safdie & Associates recently completed Design Development and are about to begin work on construction documents for the building. Construction is expected to begin this fall, with the building opening planned for May 2010.

Questions?

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

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

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