I. Attendance
   A. Voting members present: N. K. Anand, Valerian Miranda, Kevin Pollak, Genyne Royal, Jeff Seemann, Janice Walpert, Joe Weber
   B. Voting members absent: Jose Bermudez, Scott Bowen, Pierce Cantrell, Mladen Kezunovic, Thomas Mather, Kate Miller
   C. Ex-Officio members present: Karan Watson, Rodney McClendon, Matt Fry, James Massey, Tom Reber, David Woodcock
   D. Ex-Officio members absent: B. J. Crain, Kevin Hurley, Rod Weis, Deborah Wright
   E. Non-voting members present: Bill Dugas, Thomas Harwell, Guido Kanschat
   F. Non-voting members absent: Lawrence Rauchwerger
   G. Guests: David Morrison, Marty Scholtz, Shelly Janac, Peter Lange

II. Meeting was called to order by Dr. Karan Watson
   A. February 14, 2012 minutes were unanimously approved
   B. Sub-Council Membership Change
      1. Facilities Utilization Review Sub-Council (FURsc)—Dr. Ndubisi replacing Dr. Al Boggess (name submitted by Dr. Glen Laine, Chair of Department Heads Steering Committee).
      2. CBE unanimously approved this change for FURsc.

III. Presentations by Sub-Councils
   A. Proposed Health & Kinesiology District Plan and PEAP Facility—DRsc (David Woodcock presenting)
      1. Physical Education Activity Program (PEAP) Facility
a. PEAP facility has already been approved, but DRsc reviewed the 100% Schematic Design on February 15, 2012.

b. DRsc approved and appreciates the design team’s effective response to comments provided at the Concept Design Phase and looks forward to the next review at 100% Design Development.

2. Health & Kinesiology District Plan—DRsc (David Woodcock)

a. DRsc reviewed future development plans for the Health and Kinesiology Department. The plans for the area on west campus on the corner of John Kimbrough Blvd and Penberthy Rd effectively create a district plan.

i. This area is not shown as developed on the Campus Master Plan and this district plan is considered a request to amend the Campus Master Plan.

ii. The district plan would include existing tennis facilities, future indoor tennis facilities, Physical Education Activity Program (PEAP) facility, and proposed administrative facility to house the entire HLKN Dept.

iii. The concept for the four story proposed administrative building should reflect the architectural qualities found in the Ag Headquarters building located across John Kimbrough Blvd. The space for teaching, activities, and office facilities is needed as a result of the anticipated demolition of the Read Building and G. Rollie White.

iv. Drainage is an issue in the proposed area and creek modifications will need to be addressed (map included a marked culvert area).

v. DRsc recommends approval of this amendment to the Campus Master Plan, with the caveat that additional thought should be given to issues of drainage and landscape with reference to the existing creek and detention area.

b. Bill Dugas discussed a White Creek District Plan being considered by Ag which would extend across Kimbrough into the area being discussed for the Health & Kinesiology District Plan.

i. Dr. Dugas stated that the greenbelt has been approved permanently by the BOR, but their approval did not extend across John Kimbrough Blvd.
ii. If the Health & Kinesiology District Plan is accepted, the White Creek District Plan would not be able to extend across John Kimbrough Blvd.

c. Dr. Watson discussed the process for District Plan approvals.

i. One of the responsibilities of the CBE is to make recommendations to the President for his approval of plans that seem to be appropriate modifications of the Campus Master Plan.

ii. As District plans are developed more fully, they tend to take small units and say, “This is how we think this area should be developed.”

iii. Acceptance of a district plan in essence makes it become part of the Campus Master Plan.

iv. A vote of “yes” doesn’t mean CBE is approving the building, but by approving the District Plan, would be taking down barriers. The barriers wouldn't be removed completely, but making them pretty low for approving the building if all other conditions were right.

d. CBE voted to recommend the President's approval for the Health & Kinesiology District Plan to be incorporated into the Campus Master Plan. Jeff Seemann voted “no” and the other six voting members present voted “yes”.

**Action/Recommendation:** Memo will be sent to President recommending his approval of the Health & Kinesiology District Plan with the caveat that additional thought should be given to issues of drainage and landscape with reference to the existing creek and detention area.  
**Responsible Parties:** Co-Chair Karan Watson and Co-Chair Rodney McClendon

B. Joe Routt Blvd (from Houston St. to Throckmorton St) and Koldus Plaza Improvements

1. Slide presentation was made by Peter Lange, Executive Director for Transportation Services.

   a. Proposed improvements will enhance safety, accessibility, aesthetics and usability for faculty, staff, students and visitors to the MSC, Rudder Tower, and the Rudder Theatre Complex.

   b. Trees along Joe Routt likely will not survive the reconstruction and the project includes the replacement of the trees and extending the landscape look and feel that has been established for the MSC project on the western portion of Joe Routt.
c. Users will be able to move from Koldus Building to Rudder Tower on one level—curbs, uneven streets, and sidewalks will no longer present hazards.

d. Joe Routt Blvd will become one lane with traffic flowing west to east all the way to Throckmorton St. The northern lane would be turned into a plaza area.

2. DRsc—David Woodcock

a. Original proposal to cross Joe Routt was on second levels of Koldus and Rudder Tower, but was removed for budget reasons.

b. Drop-offs will be in the opposite direction from what they are now—and passengers will need to walk between vehicles instead of stepping directly onto the curb.

i. Many hotels have this system in place and the advantages of this project are so great that DRsc is willing to concede on the apparent conflict.

c. Current drainage problems will be corrected.

i. Extensive new drainage system will be installed.

ii. Study is underway to determine if any of trees can be saved. Since digging around existing trees to install new drainage system will likely result in the loss of trees, the plan is to replace with new trees—as large as possible.

d. Signage should be kept to a minimum

e. DRsc recommends approval of the proposed improvements with the following caveats:

i. Project team should carefully evaluate condition of trees and work to save as many as possible. If trees are unable to be saved, they should be replaced with trees as large as possible.

ii. Alternative planting methods, such as planting a slow growth tree and a fast growth tree side by side and removing the faster growing tree after several years, might be explored in an effort to achieve a large tree canopy as quickly as possible.

iii. While remaining safe, street and traffic signage should be kept at a minimum.
3. **TRsc—Tom Reber**
   
a. Excavation around trees for storm drainage will be extensive. The severely declining oaks will experience great stress and eventually die; therefore new trees should be planted with the project.

b. Utilities & Energy Management has recommended replacement of approximately $200,000 utility infrastructure re-routes while the road is torn up. These utility systems are fully functional now, but would need replacing in approximately five years.

c. Pavers in front of Koldus are set in sand, but will be removed and placed in concrete.

d. Flower beds will be raised with seating walls. These walls will help to force people to use one of the four crosswalks. There will be electrical plugs added to the curved wall at the request of student organizations.

e. TRsc recommends approval of this project

4. **Other Comments/Discussion**

a. Has traffic been evaluated to flow the opposite way?
   
i. Yes, but based on previous input by students, staff, and faculty, the traffic flow has already been determined for Joe Routt in front of the MSC (brings people “TO campus”). Therefore, it was determined the traffic pattern should follow the same direction for Joe Routt in front of Koldus.

ii. Traffic engineers considered a turn-around in front of Rudder Tower, but the turning radius was not enough for large vehicles.

iii. Number of stop signs—same as there are currently.

b. Is the analysis still underway to evaluate the possibility of not removing all of the trees? Yes

c. Timeline of construction—will begin in May 2012 and goal is to be completed by Fall 2012. Preliminary preparation and study is already underway.

5. **CBE voting members voted unanimously to recommend the proposed Joe Routt and Koldus Plaza improvements.**
Action/Recommendation: Memo will be sent to President recommending his approval for the proposed Joe Routt and Koldus Plaza improvements with the following caveat: After the analysis of keeping the trees along Joe Routt is completed, any trees that will not be saved will be replaced with trees as large as possible.

Responsible Parties: Co-Chair Watson and Co-Chair McClendon

C. Addition of Four Plaques to the MSC Exterior Flags Project

1. Request routed through LtGen Weber for the addition of four plaques to the already approved nine flags as a display on the south side of the MSC facing Joe Routt in planter boxes.

   a. Four plaques each have own wording and purpose.

      i. Plaque #1 purpose: give exposure on the exterior of the MSC regarding the original purpose of the MSC.

      ii. Plaque #2 purpose: Summary of the current use of the MSC by students, former students and visitors.

      iii. Plaque #3 and #4: To give a brief educational summary of Aggies' historical accomplishments of Service and Sacrifice.

2. DRsc—David Woodcock

   a. DRsc reviewed the proposal and the wording for the plaques. Guests at the February 15, 2012 meeting were Frank Cox, donor, and Jerry Brown, Office of General Counsel.

   b. To reduce visual impact of multiple plaques and allow the flag display to speak for itself, David Woodcock proposed one plaque. Mr. Cox urged the sub-council to accept the four plaques.

   c. Other DRsc members stated they could not make a decision on any memorial statements without having some clear guidelines in place. A task force chaired by Jonathan Smith was appointed and proposes to report back to DRsc at the sub-council’s March meeting.

   d. David Woodcock excused himself as chair during the DRsc meeting and expressed the opinion that the plaques diminish the memorial—which is the building itself. He stated the nine flags which have already been approved will provide sufficient notification of the memorial.

   d. DRsc approved to table the discussion of the plaques until such guidelines can be agreed upon. DRsc has no recommendation at this time.
3. TRsc—Tom Reber
   a. TRsc reviewed the request and sees no technical issues with the installation of plaques in the flowerbed, but did NOT review the wording on any plaques.

4. CBE will review again in April after DRsc has recommendation.

D. TTI Profiler Certification Facility at Riverside

1. Request was received for additional land space on which to build new test sections and permit future growth.
   a. Section of land is 2100 ft. long by 25 ft. wide along Taxiway 7. The north end of this location is currently utilized by TTI. The south end of the location will require moving the fence for a pasture belonging to the College of Vet Med. Sam Wigington, Director of Facilities for the College of Vet Med has provided a letter supporting the request.
   b. The Profiler Certification Facility is receiving funding from TXDOT and is awaiting final site selection to release their funds to TTI.

2. DRsc—David Woodcock
   a. DRsc reviewed proposal and agrees it is in line with the draft of the Riverside Campus Plan.
   b. DRsc recommends the approval of the proposal to expand the Profiler Certification testing pavement.

3. TRsc—Tom Reber
   a. TRsc reviewed proposal and there are no technical issues or concerns.
   b. TRsc recommends approval.

4. CBE unanimously approved the recommendation for the President’s approval.

Action/Recommendation: Memo will be sent to President recommending his approval for additional land space for the TTI Profiler Certification Facility at Riverside Campus.

Responsible Parties: Co-Chair Watson and Co-Chair McClendon

IV. Request for Construction of Bridge Deck at Riverside Campus
A. TTI has been awarded funding by TX Dept. of Transportation to construct a bridge deck using a pre-stressed beam configuration for testing purposes.
   1. TTI has selected an area on Runway 17L at the Riverside Campus for this project (in coordination with Riverside Campus users and Texas A&M’s Office of Facilities Coordination).
   2. Installation of the bridge deck site will provide for current and future research as well as instructional opportunities.

B. DRsc—David Woodcock
   1. David Woodcock reviewed the project on behalf of the DRsc due to time frame of DRsc receiving the request and the proposed start date of the project for testing to begin in July 2012.
   2. The “bridge,” 50 feet long and potentially 46 feet wide, will be created by excavating a part of the northwest edge of runway 17L, and spanning across the opening with a pre-stressed beam bridge with instrumentation below the bridge.
   3. At the conclusion of the contracted tests, the “bridge” may be retained for further research or removed and the runway restored to an equal or better condition.
   4. DRsc recommends expedited approval of this request.

C. TRsc will review the request on Monday, March 12.

D. CBE voted to recommend the President’s approval of this request pending the recommendation of the TRsc.

**Action/Recommendation:** Memo will be sent to the President recommending his approval of the construction of a Pre-Stressed Beam Bridge Deck at Riverside Campus (after the TRsc recommends).

**Responsible Parties:** Co-Chair Watson and Co-Chair McClendon

V. Vacated Space Requests from the College of Liberal Arts to expand their utilization in Dulie Bell Building are being held waiting for the “Transition Buildings Plan” to be finalized.

VI. Questions on Space Vacated or to be Vacated
   A. Space is being vacated in Reed McDonald by Liberal Arts. Since the vacated space is less than 3,000 sq. ft., as per CBE process the Vice President can make the assignment. Dr. Watson has awarded this space to Engineering.
B. Construction Science will be moving to Francis Building; therefore, will need to send a letter to CBE co-chairs announcing the space they will be vacating.

C. Vacated space in Milner

1. Mathematics Dept. will be vacating space in Milner to move into Blocker Bldg. CBE proposed last month the remainder of non-residence groups in Legett Hall be offered the vacated space in Milner Hall.

2. Moves out of Legett are pending other moves: 1) Liberal Arts--Blocker to LAAH and 2) Mathematics--Milner to Blocker. Non-resident groups in Legett Hall should not need entire amount of vacant space in Milner.

3. Proposal should be made IF the groups want to move from Legett Hall to Milner—and should include the amount of space which will be needed in Milner.

4. Remainder of Milner space will probably be 12K-16K sq. ft. After the Legett Hall occupants’ proposal is received and the vacant space amount is determined, a letter from the co-chairs will be sent announcing the available space and a due date to submit requests. Deans and Vice Presidents will then submit their proposals to CBE co-chairs.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

REMINDER: Next meeting for CBE is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2012.