Finance and Business Operations

Spotlight on Working Smarter

Introduction of Capital Programs Division

As a part of the ongoing evolution of the University of California (UC) Working Smarter Initiative to have each campus actively pursue efforts in maintaining a level of administrative excellence equivalent to that of its teaching and research enterprises, the Office of the Vice Chancellor-Finance and Business Operations (FBO) is announcing the coalescing of two of its units. Effective Monday, 08/15/2011, the Office of Design and Construction is merging with the Capital Resource Management Division to become the Capital Programs Division.

Under the direction of Associate Vice Chancellor Tim Ralston, the newly created Capital Programs Division will report directly to Gretchen Bolar, Vice Chancellor-FBO. The division consists of four major units, including: Capital Resource Management, Capital Finance and Real Estate, Architects and Engineers, and Sustainability. As the Campus Architect, Associate Vice Chancellor Don Caskey will continue to provide valuable leadership in reviewing, establishing, and instituting campus design standards. He will also continue reporting directly to Gretchen Bolar, Vice Chancellor-FBO, as he represents the campus on a host of related initiatives that impact both the local community and the UC system as a whole.

This restructuring of FBO is not only to foster administrative efficiencies, but also to maximize the operational effectiveness of all aspects of the planning, design, and construction enterprise on campus. Additionally, the realignment of these related functions recognizes the need to have a viable and effective transition plan in place in anticipation of personnel retirements over the next several years. Instituting this reorganization will serve to minimize impacts on business continuity for these areas as UC Riverside continues to grow.

To view a chart of the FBO organization, please visit the FBO website. New web resources for the Capital Programs Division will be available to the campus before the end of August. In the meantime, please refer to the Capital Programs section of the directory which appears to the left of this article.

On behalf of the entire FBO organization, we look forward to continuing to serve the campus community. We believe that this reorganization, in working smarter to maximize administrative and operational effectiveness, is significant progress toward that end.