Classroom Renovation Subcommittee of the CFPB

At the Campus Facilities Planning Board meeting on May 15, 2013, there was agreement in principle that we would commit $1 million per annum from CRDM sources in order to continue the process of classroom renovation and modernization begun this academic year with funding provided by Outreach College and the OVCAA. It is of course understood that this commitment is not inalterable: in any given year in which the allocation of CRDM to Mānoa was drastically short of our usual levels of funding, this renovation program could easily be put on hold (for a year). But barring that kind of shortfall, these monies would be committed on a recurring basis for the foreseeable future.

I would propose that recommendations on the specific projects accomplished with these monies be made by a new subcommittee of the Board, with membership as follows. The Subcommittee would be chaired by the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and there would be four other members of the subcommittee: the University Scheduler, the Manager of the Center for Instructional Support (part of OFDAS), a representative of the Planning Office, and a representative of Office of Facilities and Grounds. The expectation would be that we can plan out more than a year at a time, with revisions to the plan made as bids came in and budget situations clarified.

CRDM funds can pay for only part of the costs of fully renovating classrooms, as new furniture will be needed in many cases, as will some instructional equipment, and movable furniture and instructional equipment cannot be paid for by CRDM monies. OVCAA commits to continuing its support of classroom renovations from Outreach College sources, and it will cover the furniture and equipment portion of the classroom renovation budget.

I can be the contact person/liaison between this subcommittee and the full CFPB, as I will need to be approving the OVCAA side of the budget in any case.