Dennis Palmer briefed the committee on the current status of Residence Hall projects. One of the major projects is the replacement of windows in several of the Halls – some of these were done over the summer and others will be done over the next 2 years. The rest of the meeting was spent on discussing the current progress of the new residence hall. The current plan is to have the walls up and the windows installed by the end of December. The residence hall should be ready for use by next August. Other notes about the new residence hall:

- The north half of the commons will be a green roof. 40 different types of plants will be planted up there. This will double the life expectancy of the roof and will serve as extra insulation. The added cost is $86,000, with $20,000 of that being structural.
- Parking will be across Southwest Road and will have around 300 stalls. Plans for this have not been finalized.
- The Chancellor has put together a group that is working on a bridge to connect the new hall with the dining hall.
- The new building will have air conditioning, and each half will run separately so that during the summer one side could be turned off if it is not in use for a camp.
- Each floor will have a group study room with tables and a computer kiosk. The state would not allow there to be a computer lab as 85% of the students now bring their own computers.
- The current plan is to have the entrances to the building; entrance to the suit and the entrance to each bedroom require a key card for access. Each person will also have their own mailbox.
- Each room will have a phone, although Dennis stated that he would like to get away from this since so many students are using cell phones and the phones cost $12 each month. We have a contract with CenturyTel that requires a certain number of phones turned on for a required number of months each year.

Hunt asked what the role of the commission is. Various members responded that at one time it was to include the faculty, staff, and students in the planning of projects around campus, now it is to hear what is being planned.

Barnet suggested that we meet again towards the beginning of October to hear a report from Doug Stephens, Campus Planner, and to select a chair. The members agreed.