The Physical Resources Planning Committee (PRP) reviewed the AY2022-23 Proposed Changes to the Assignment and Reassignment of Academic Space Guidelines document of November 2022 as proposed by the University Space Committee. These changes impact the space for Professors of Graduate Division (PGD) and Emeriti. The Committee provides the following comments.

- PRP agrees that there should be an annual assessment of the spaces allocated to PGD and Emeriti by their department. For grant-funded and research-active PGDs and Emeriti, this is a good use of research space often engaging scientists and students at many levels.

- PGD space including associated support requirements should be allocated during the period of appointment and last for the duration of that appointment. This assignment should be reviewed annually, as well as with all applications for external funding that require the assigned space. There should be no guarantee or expectation of an extension of a space assignment beyond the period of appointment. Special care should be taken to ensure grant applications reflect this space assignment. Future funding should not be used as a justification for keeping space.

- PRP agrees that academic activities (teaching and research) should have priority over administrative activities (e.g., offices). However, offices for PGDs and Emeriti may be needed to conduct research effectively and should be given appropriate emphasis.

- It is unclear how returned space to the Dean’s office will be managed. Typically, space allocated to PGD or to Emeriti comes from departmentally managed space. Returning space to the Dean’s office seems overly complicated and may undermine departmental hiring and research.

If the space returns to the Deans office, will the Dean then assume all responsibilities with this space (clean up, EHS, facilities, FMS, etc)? A better approach would be if departments remained in charge of these spaces and simply notified the Dean’s offices with the availability of open space.