In general, the CSU is required to follow the building code as adopted by the Building Standards Commission. The Commission has recently adopted two new code components within the California Code of Regulations, Title 24. They are:

- **Part 3**, known as the *California Electrical Code* based on the 2002 National Electrical Code. The published effective date is August 1, 2005.
- **Part 6**, known as the *California Energy Code* and being called the 2005 Energy Standards. The published effective date is October 1, 2005.

For all 2004/05 funded projects we will be adopting these new standards with their respective published effective dates. This represents a departure from our previous memo on this topic [10/29/03, Clarification of Code Edition To Be Used for CSU Projects] where we had issued a determination that the building code edition in effect when the project is funded would be considered the minimum code standard to be followed for all CSU projects. This policy change is being made to support the recent Governor's Executive Order on Sustainability and the May 2004 Trustee resolution on Sustainability and Energy Efficiency.

Commissioning is a part of the new Part 6, Title-24 energy code standard. To facilitate code compliance in this regard the Mechanical Review Board has been tasked to develop an appropriate scope for basic commissioning services. The intent is to establish a basic commissioning scope, and possibly pre-qualify several firms and provide a new systemwide master enabling agreement to
facilitate ready campus procurement of these services. Campuses would have the option to expand the basic scope or seek these services outside of this master agreement from a commissioning firm of their own choosing. We will be seeking campus comment on the MRB work prior to implementing any commissioning standard. Project funding for commissioning work is currently reserved in project budgets starting with 2004/05 projects under the Performance Verification line item.

With the Building Standards Commission’s adoption of new code components and future anticipated actions by them, the existing code set that we operate under will likely increasingly become a kit of parts with various edition dates for our Title 24 code components. In the future it is likely that we will be faced with a code package containing a 2004 Electrical Code, 2005 Plumbing and Mechanical Code and 2007 Building Code, etc. We are working to position ourselves to meet these upcoming changes and will keep you advised as additional information becomes available.

Please contact me with any questions

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