The institute for International Business (IIB) is “an incredibly important part of the university,” said Sueann Ambron, dean of the Business School at UC Denver. Ambron updated the Global Advisory Board (GAB) on renovations to the building that will be home to UCD’s Business School and to the IIB.

Noting that the IIB supports “not only the Business School but especially the international business program,” Ambron thanked the GAB for its activities in helping to make international business education a reality in Denver.

“Through classroom work, guest lectures and research projects, the Business School collaborates with local companies in solving real-world business problems, often working on more than 100 projects every semester.”

Recently, UCD received a $1 million gift from EnCana, a leading natural gas producer headquartered in Calgary with offices in Denver and other locations in Canada and the US. Of special interest to EnCana is the Business School’s Global Energy Management (GEM) program which will have a permanent home in the new business school building.

The school plans to honor EnCana’s generosity through the naming of the Global Energy Management suite where the GEM program will be located in the new facility. The gift was facilitated by the University of Colorado Foundation.

Located at 1475 Lawrence St., the building represents a major step forward for UCD by allowing the Business School to bring all its programs, faculty and students under one roof. Currently, resources are scattered among several locations in downtown Denver.

Also, the Lawrence Street site will have the latest technology which in turn will enhance innovative research and learning. The new business school will become a hub for all aspects of business education, reinforcing UCD’s position as a source of business talent and collaboration throughout the region. “EnCana’s partnership with the school is an example of what can be accomplished when academia and the business community join forces to support growth of local companies and thus create jobs,” said Ambron.

The campaign for the Business School at the University of Colorado Denver is underway. The building has been purchased, plans drawn up. The goal now is to raise $20 million to transform the office building into the 21st century business school.

UC Denver offers more than 100 degrees and programs in 13 schools and colleges serving more than 28,000 students between its Downtown Denver Campus and the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, Colorado.