

Building Committee
4/25/13 Meeting Minutes
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. -- 325 Burruss Hall

Present: Jason Soileau – Chair, Heather Gardner, Brennan Shepard, Taylor Liverman, Ken Smith, Leslie O'Brien, Monena Hall, Matt Chan, Tim Reddick, Jack Davis, Sue Ott Rowlands, Dan Marion

This meeting was called to order by Jason Soileau.

Committee Name/Charge Discussion:

The process for approval of the name change is in-process within the university's governance system.

- Proposed Name Change to: Campus Development Committee
- Proposed charge with changes:
 “To make recommendations and to serve as a conduit to disseminate information and solicit feedback concerning the planned physical development of the university's built environment, specifically as it relates to buildings, grounds, and transportation planning.”

Planning Initiative Updates:

- Upper Quad
- 460 Interchange
- Classroom Building – Nothing to report at this time.

Questions:

General:

M. Chan: Does Parking and Transportation overlap this committee?

J. Soileau: No, they handle fees and operations.

Upper Quad:

K. Smith: Will the grade along Alumni Mall be re-sloped as part of the project?

J. Soileau: Yes, to increase the visual connection to Lane Hall within the central quad space.

K. Smith: Is special attention being paid to the roof heights of the new dorms in regard to Torgersen Hall's existing roof height?

J. Soileau: Yes, Clark Nexsen is refining their design and working to determine the feasibility of lowering the roof heights from their initial design concept drawings.

L. O'Brien: Where will the Eggleston Hall students be moved to during construction?

J. Soileau: They will be absorbed into other spaces on and off campus.

K. Smith: Has a construction staging area been identified?

J. Soileau & S. Ott Rowlands: Not yet, but an area along Alumni Mall close to the street is being considered.

Southgate Interchange:

J. Davis: What happens to the Huckleberry Trail?

J. Soileau: The trail will be rerouted to follow the northern edge of the new airport runway, around the end, along the new CRC Connector Road, and tie back into the existing trail before reaching the 460 pedestrian tunnel.

L. O'Brien: Where are the existing dairy operations going to be relocated to?

J. Soileau: To Kentland Farms.

K. Smith: Will the project impact the existing seismic station located on the CRC property near the airport?

J. Soileau: The initial concern was vibration from vehicular traffic on an early-stage plan showing the road near the seismic station. The plan no longer calls for the road to come near that location, and there is little concern for vibration from airplane traffic, as the runways are not in close proximity. This will still need to be verified moving forward.

K. Smith: Is VDOT paying for the new roads and roundabouts beyond the interchange?

J. Soileau: Partially, yes. A portion may fall under that airport expansion, but we will have to verify the specifics.

Other Business:

Setting up a future tour for the new Center for the Arts building was discussed.

Next meeting *tentatively* will be held in 325 Burruss Hall on May 23, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting may be cancelled if there are no updates to report on. This will be our last meeting until fall.

No other questions were asked, and the meeting was adjourned

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