

Meeting Minutes
Campus Development Committee Meeting
September 22, 2016
301 Burruss - 10:30 am

I. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 10:30am

Present: Jason Soileau (chair), Jack Davis, Bill Hess on behalf of Ted Faulkner, Steve Mouras, Alexander Jones, Heinrich Schnoedt, and Susan Volkmar

Absent: Samer El-Kadi, Melissa Elliott, Chris Kiwus, Rebekah Martin, and Robert Sumichrast

Guest: Michelle Ramsey

II. Committee Charge

III. Construction Update

Jason Soileau presented the committee with information and graphics on the construction updates. The following projects were addressed:

A. Projects In Construction

- Upper Quad – Discussion of the residential hall known as the former Brodie. Hokie stone is progressing, and walls are beginning to be closed in. After building is complete, Thomas and Monteith will be demolished. Overall, there is an increase of beds, additional needed storage and increase in study and living areas.
- New Classroom Building – Reviewed progress and overall goal of new classroom building. Alex Jones confirmed the common spaces created were being used by students. Discussion moved towards the safety of the building, and what would occur in the event of lockdown - due to the transparency of the classrooms on the interior. As of this meeting time/date, this possible need is still being addressed. A few solutions have been mentioned including opaque shades, a security officer, and locking doors to classrooms when not in use.
- 460 Interchange – Viewed time progression images, and discussed progress of project. Scheduled to open for use in December 2017, the road has met some milestone goals. The roundabout near the VT bush should be completed in the next few weeks, and the bridge over 460 is moving along. The bridge will have precast arch panels over the road with the bridge itself being cast in place. The Huckleberry Trail will continue to be re-routed and the asphalt trail in place currently will be the new trail. The runway extension work continues, with utilities being the focus currently. The overall plan of the 460 Interchange and runway extension can be found on the Facilities department website, under Planning construction, Active Projects, Southgate/460 Interchange.
- Derring Steps – Discussed the plans and progress of the Derring Steps project. The project has received substantial completion and will have 30 days to complete the project and landscape. Jack Davis suggested adding tables and umbrellas to the concrete area on level with Derring and Cowgill entrances.

- Renovate and Renew Academic Buildings- Reviewed plans and elevations of project. Due to bids over the budget, the project is again out to bid. As of this meeting, bids are return in November, and project to begin in Early Spring.

B. Major Projects In Design

- Baseball Facilities Improvements – Project includes demolition of the existing baseball press box and stands and replacing updated facilities. The new press box will house press boxes, suites, an outdoor seating terrace, hospitality areas, and a coach’s box. The project is a design/build.
- Rector Fieldhouse – A phased approach, this phase to include a new roof on the rector field house, softball practice area, softball locker room/wet area, and a throws area for javelin/track and field.
- Corps Leadership and Military Science Building - Project is funded through drawings. To progress further there is need for additional funding from donors.
- O’Shaughnessy Renovation and Addition – Reviewed project goals and projected floor plans to allow more residential college activity. The building will be closed during renovation, but is part of continued improvement of existing facilities.

IV. Pending Master Plan Updates

- A. Campus Master Plan – The consultant, Sasaki, came to campus last week and is beginning the concept development phase. On the topic of space, Heinrich Schnoedt asked whether the metrics used for space will be university wide or department specific. This comes from his concern with growth of university and the need for additional space for students, specifically within the architecture program. Jason Soileau answered that the consultants recognize the needs for departments will vary, and hope to provide a campus wide guide, with specifics to a degree for departments. Discussion moved towards utilities. With questions about the power plant and its conversion to natural gas, Jason Soileau recommended bringing a guest speaker from the Energy and Sustainability Committee to give an energy presentation. As of this meeting, two boilers were left to convert from coal – and are in the process of making that transition. The presentation touched briefly on the incorporation of the Roanoke and National Capital Region into the fold of the Master Plan.
- B. Parking and Transportation Master Plan – Due to time constraints, this item will be addressed at next committee meeting in more depth by Steve Mouras.

V. Future Meetings

- A. Tours – Suggested Tours included:
- Classroom Building
 - 460 Interchange (late spring)
 - Upper Quad – Pearson
- B. Agenda Topics
- Energy Presentation

VI. General Discussion – None

VII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 11:37am