Sasaki Visits UK Campus to Gain Input for Master Plan

Sasaki Associates, the Boston based planning firm that was selected to complete the University’s update to the 2002 Master Plan, was in town recently for further development of the Master Plan. Seven members of the Sasaki Team, including two representatives from locally based RossTarrant Architects, spent two days on campus interviewing students, faculty, staff, and adjacent neighbors to gain input concerning the overall issues that were important to the many users of the UK campus.

During their visit they also had the opportunity to meet with Derek Paulsen, LFUCG Commissioner of Planning, and Chris King, LFUCG Planning Director, to continue conversations about the mutual needs and relationships between the campus, our neighborhoods and downtown. The team attended three public meetings while they were here. These included two neighborhood meetings as well as a meeting with several leaders of local community organizations such as the Fayette Alliance and the Downtown Development Authority. The conversations that Sasaki was engaged in brought meaningful ideas to be considered in the plan. They will follow up with a visit in early October to begin meeting with Deans to discuss the future goals of their respective Colleges.

Website Is Up and Running

If you haven’t already checked out the website, head over to:

www.uky.edu/masterplan

Visit the website to keep track of the progress of public input, get updates on upcoming opportunities for participation and learn about the master planning process.

Check back regularly for additional information. Many of our newest posts are shown in the right-hand banner of the Welcome page.
Stakeholder Input is Essential to Planning Process

The lines of communication between UK and all on-campus and off-campus stakeholders are open. The UK/Sasaki Team has been conducting a series of public stakeholder meetings aimed at including everyone who lives, works or studies on or near the UK campus. An overview of the planning process and progress to this point has been presented at these meetings and we have received good feedback and ideas from stakeholders that will help in the decision making process. President Capilouto has attended many of the meetings and has emphasized the University’s commitment to include stakeholders in this process and hear their concerns. Response to these meetings has been positive and attendees have told us how happy they are to have their voices heard. These initial meetings will continue and there will be plenty of opportunity for ongoing feedback as the project proceeds. To date we’ve met with the following groups:

- Neighborhoods adjacent to UK’s campus
- Lexington Community Organizations
- LFUCG Staff and Urban County Council Members
- University Neighborhood Advisory Council

Future meetings include:

- Students, Faculty and Staff
- Faith Communities
- Business Owners & Merchants
- Landlords

Check the website for upcoming meeting schedules.

Voices Heard

In a recent neighborhood meetings, long-time residents were asked what about their concerns as well as what they liked most about living next to the UK Campus.

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My Campus Survey

Sasaki has prepared an interactive survey of daily activities on and off campus. In the survey you can record things like your favorite places to eat, socialize and hang out during a typical day. We want to know how you get around campus, where you park your favorite frisbee golf field and the best places to study. It’s fun to fill out and it will help Sasaki make some key decisions for the future of the campus.

More Information Coming Soon!