PRELIMINARY SURVEY FINDINGS
MyCampus Survey

Community Members, 206, 19%  
Faculty, 110, 10%  
Staff, 312, 28%  
Student, 467, 43%  

304 Respondents Live On Campus  
65% of Student Respondents
MyCampus Survey

What neighborhood issues are of concern to you?

What neighborhood issues are of greatest concern?

- Noise: 87
- Large Parties: 91
- Safety: 105
- Parking: 117
- Decrease in Owner-Occupied Housing: 114
- Adequacy of Public Infrastructure: 74
- Code Violations (Trash, Debris, Property Maintenance): 119

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- Safety: 35
MyCampus Survey
Faculty and Staff Survey Comments

• Parking is stressful. People are often willing to circle for parking or choose off-campus locations to be close to their destinations
• Both WT Young and areas of the academic core are seen as the heart of the campus
• Many academic spaces need improvements
• Pedestrian safety and traffic issues are frequent concerns
• UK has good fitness amenities
• The arboretum is an asset; other outdoor spaces should be improved
[Gatton] is our primary building. We need another building but not necessarily a new one. A "gently-used" building would be just fine.

Where are most of your classes held?

My STUDENTS have to put up their own tables in this room! There supposedly is a staff shortage at the Student Center.

Fine Arts Building: embarrassingly insufficient practice and teaching space.
Studying
Where do you like to study?

I study in my office

Margaret King Library

Coffea
Socializing

Where do you like to spend time with friends and colleagues?

- Molly Brooke's
- Intermezzo
- Bangkok House
- Drinks
Dining

Where do you like to eat?

- Mellow Mushroom
- Qdoba
- Ovid’s
- Oasis. Lovely Lebanese food. Great for visitors to eat-in or to cater dept. events.
Recreation

Where do you like to play sports or exercise?

Wellness Water Jog
Classes—awesome workout

[Basketball here] until this lot closed last week for dorm construction

Lancaster Aquatic Center for swimming. Swimming facility near student center was removed years ago to accommodate a tutoring facility
As a staff I would like to get away from the office to read/relax and this is the only place nearby but not any place I would want to hang out.

[Area near Student Center] needs more of a garden and some actual seating in the garden. Needs to feel more like the President’s House.

Mathews Garden

There isn’t much green space that has nice seating outside. We need more.

In field between Ag and Alumni: A social or recreational space in this area might help students become more familiar with the boundaries of campus.

So much effort is spent on [the Arboretum] yet so little on the interior of campus... If campus were nicer I wouldn’t have to escape to the Arboretum.
Shopping

Where do you typically shop?

It would be nice to have a good little convenient store that is not expensive like the bookstore.

Kennedy Bookstore.

fish store
Landmarks

UK Observatory

SCFA Concert Hall

WT Young Library

Mark the campus landmarks

Lafferty Hall: preserve this fine Ernst Johnson building

Ligon House and Matthews House and Garden: a treasure for campus and the community- it should be preserved

Memorial Hall

Thank goodness for the UK Arboretum - truly a landmark for both citizens and students in our city.

Two Keys--don't remember when it wasn't there.

UK Art Museum

UK Observatory

WT Young Library
Our campus is missing a quad or central gathering place. The heart of campus should be where the arts are located. However, given the condition of the facilities, it is an embarrassment.

I love the old campus - really dislike the "new" medical center area because it is very sterile and devoid of character.

This area near Funkhouser and Memorial Hall is centrally located from Dorms, parking, and off campus housing.

The heart could be many places but the Student Center should at least be one to consider.

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I think there really are two hearts of campus. One in the core where a high concentration of academic facilities are located. The other closer to WT Young Library where there is high activity and a high student population.
Unsafe

Where do you feel unsafe near or on campus?

Problem with pedestrians crossing... vehicles too fast... longer red lights please (or build a pedestrian bridge)

Sometimes I pick up my husband from the Alumni gym around 8pm and don't feel totally safe sitting in my car.

I worry about students around some of these back streets.

Too much traffic. Please get city to install some "calming devices"

Pedestrian crossing at Farm Road needs signs and new paint

If alone at night it's a little creepy walking between [Chem Phys and the President's House]

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Parking

Where do you typically park?

- Occasionally park here to load and unload materials for workshops, meetings, etc.
- Private lot.
- This is a very popular lot that has now been taken away.
- I bought my house at this location because of the parking and traffic congestion on campus. It wasn’t worth the struggle.
- I would like to see one of these parking lots which surround the library be “library use only” as many of the employees parking in these lots are hospital employees.
Difficult to get around

Mark places that are difficult to get to or around

- Service vehicles back into traffic.
- Accessibility from south of Patterson to north of Patterson is terrible if one is not mobile on two legs.
- Difficult because I'm usually carting equipment from POT, and you have to go well out of your way to find ramps.
- Traffic on Rose St. is terrible when classes change because students crossing the road are a continuous stream.
- I am still upset about the closing of Rose Street to through traffic.
MyCampus Survey
Student Survey Comments

• There is not a single clear campus heart
• WT Young Library and the Johnson Center are well-loved campus life centers for many students
• There is a desire for better connections between K-Lot and destinations on South Campus, especially for safety
• Improvements are needed in many dorms and academic buildings
• Dining and café space are top student life amenities that students want expanded
• North Campus and South Campus have different student life needs.
• The academic core lacks informal study and hangout spaces – ones in Whitehall and POT are in high demand
• UK athletics is an important piece of campus life for many students
What student life amenities should be expanded?

- Dining halls: 18.5%
- Cafe space: 14.0%
- Residence hall common rooms: 13.2%
- Outdoor recreation: 11.5%
- Indoor recreation (athletics): 9.0%
- Tech support: 6.9%
- Career services: 6.7%
- Meeting rooms <15 people: 6.3%
- Indoor recreation (arcade-style): 5.9%
- Auditorium/theatre space: 4.4%
- Meeting rooms >15 people: 3.4%

The master plan will include planning for student services. Which potential scenario would you prefer?

- Expanded student services in the existing Student Center
- Multiple smaller facilities throughout campus
- Two Student Centers (existing student center and a new facility near Central/South Campus dorms)
- No preference
Way to far away...

Graduate classes here. Very nice building. Feels like some of the doors around the stairways were designed for too few people.

Convenient location.

Most of my classes are in Whitehall.

Pence Hall: The topmost floor has awful temperature control. Another point against it is that stairs are even worse when carrying bulky items.
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I like to study at The Study.

spend a lot of time studying here [at WT Young]

Need more friendly environment in dorms for studying in basements.

[Would like] an equivalent of the Study on North Campus
Socializing

Where do you like to spend time with friends and colleagues?

It can get really crowded in [Intermezzo]

Coffea is a great place to hang out with friends and talk over a cup of coffee!

The basement is fun for friends and studying.

Willy T is the place to be socially.

CSF is the best place on campus to meet people and be a part of community.

Ingels Hall is a great community that gets along well as a whole.
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a very long walk if you aren’t on south campus. but the food selection is very good.
Recreation

Flag Football

The JC has so many different things it offers and it's a workout just coming all the way from Blazer.

Great place to run.

Where do you like to play sports or exercise?

[Alumni Gym] is our main point of working out, but it is not convenient because of limited times, unlike the Johnson Center.

This basketball court in the Cooperstown apartment complex can be good for hard-court soccer (futsal), but it has not been taken good care of.

I would like to be able to access the track.

The Johnson Center is a great place to work out and play.

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Running along University Drive
I absolutely adore the Arboretum and wish it was better utilized. A quiet walk is nice after the stress of school work.

Library. There are benches around the walking path, nice place to sit and read.

Mathews Garden: Keep this woods pristine! It has great value, not only historically but in green-space and improves quality of life for us all.

There isn't much green space that has nice seating outside. We need more.

Turning Rose St. into a linear park would be safer for pedestrians and students and also a place to gather.

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Where do you like to read or relax outdoors?
I love this pathway for the squirrels that live there. It's calm and nice here, though there seems to be some sort of emergency vehicle going by at least once per day. Something needs to be done with this lawn. It is just a vast space. Turn it into a park, provide benches to sit on, etc. On our front porch is the only comfortable place on campus (outside of South Campus) to read and/or relax outdoors. I hope this area does not get developed. There is something beautiful about a grassy field in an otherwise urban area. I love this pathway for the squirrels that live there. Love coming to the Arboretum to relax and read.
Living

Where do you live?

Haggan: Poor. Needs renovation badly. Bathrooms are nasty. I have actually seen a cockroach or two.

Donovan Hall: I like the all girl aspect and feel that that should be available in the future somehow.

I like Living in Donovan, but everything feels outdated and shabby.

UK housing offers a great service. I am 99% satisfied. Only issue: Wifi is downsized.

Boyd’s RAs and Hall Director are really nice. The laundry room sucks and the dryers make my clothing smell weird.

Wonderful place, very silent with warm and shiny apartment.

Housing is too old. Needs to be upgraded.

Shawneetown: Very noisy because of machine of Central Baptist Hospital ... By the way, beautiful environment.

Heaters don’t work in Cooperstown C.

Blanding Tower: I like everything besides the elevators. The view is nice.
Shopping

Where do you typically shop?

Kennedy Bookstore is a good place to get materials quickly for architecture class, though it is somewhat difficult to get from the store to the CoD buildings when carrying supplies.

I walk to this Kroger. It would be nice if it were included on the bus route!

Kroger for basically all groceries

Since I'm not from Lexington, a lot of the stores that I like are online. So I normally just order stuff online.
Every other time I walk past this statue, I see someone rubbing the shoe.
Campus Heart

Where do you consider the heart of campus?

I consider the side of Main Building facing Whitehall and Patterson to be the heart of campus.

Walkway from White Hall to Funkhouser

I am a graduate student so the center of campus for me is around the hospital and medical center areas. For undergraduates it would be different.

Commonwealth Stadium: Weekends
I'm not sure why, but this area is very unnerving even just at dusk. There is good lighting directly next to the library, but all of the paths you have to walk to get there are very dark. I feel unsafe here late at night when I have to walk across campus for work at 4am.

The buildings need major renovation and the patrols and safety features are too inconsistent for students working and engaging in this area.

Arboretum: Needs more lights for night time walking

Walking back by myself at night from K-Lot

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Anywhere on University Drive

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Cat’s Path

When traveling at night, do you use the Cats Walk?

Yes
No
Unsure

If not, why not?

- I do not feel safe walking there: 21
- I haven't heard of it: 40
- It doesn't connect to the places where I travel at night: 197
Parking

Where do you typically park?

When I have to move my car for games, I park here.

Parked here until they decided to build a dorm. Now all R1 permit holders lost their parking.

Gameday parking for me

When I have late nights, I park here.

K-Lot: This sucks. I have a hard time finding my truck sometimes. Birds poop on my car—which is bad for the paint. It’s a long walk and there are NO buses that run from the dorms to K-Lot kinda ever and no busses run to K-Lot during the day or on Sundays except at night. I was sick yesterday and I had to walk from K-Lot to Smith-by myself, in 40-degree weather with wind and rain, throwing up, and it really sucked.
Difficult to get around

Mark places that are difficult to get to or around

Getting to the Student Center from the SW by bike is often difficult. It’s also difficult to get from anywhere on Ave. of Champions back up to POT on bike.

Getting through this stretch involves an inconveniently large number of crosswalks.

MLK is just plain hazardous. So many cars come flying down it so they can make the rarely-ever green light; students used to have to cross it frequently to get to their cars/the parking meters; and when tank buses turn up it from Euclid, anyone in the left turning lane has to back up about 10 feet because the turn is so awkward. I think [it] would help if [MLK and Lexington Avenue were] one-way ... This would also allow for more room for metered parking, [and] a safer drop-off zone ...

There should be a bus route to Stadium parking from Young Library.

Rose Street is always hard to drive on pretty much no matter what time of day it is

K-Lot... ugh...