

## **UK Master Plan Update**

### **UK In-House Staff Meeting Minutes**

Location: 203 Student Center Addition

Date: September 13, 2012

Attendees: Bilas, Stephen-Student Body President; Birdwhistell, Mark-Chief External Affairs Officer for UK Healthcare; Blanton, Tony-Director of Off Campus Student Services; Broeking, Lance-Director of Parking and Transportation; Clark, Murray-Assoc. VP UK Healthcare Administration; Crutcher, Ben-Associate Vice President, Auxiliary Services; Hazard, Victor- Dean of Students; Herbst, John-Director of Student Center; Kriede, Kevin-Director Physical Plant; Maggard, Zeke-UK Student; McClure, Ed-Director, Medical Center Physical Plant; Mock, Robert-VP Student Affair; Monroe, Joe-Chief UKPD; Pear, Russ -Assoc. AD for Facilities; Ritter, Ethan-UK Student; Walton-Macauley, Dana-Associate Dean of Students; West, Susan- Director Greek Life; Wims, Jim-Assoc. VP of Student Life; Tom Harris, Lisa Higgins-Hord, Warren Denny, Bob Wiseman, Dall Clark and Judy Needham – UK Master Plan team

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#### **I. Introductions/Overview**

Members of the Master Plan Team were introduced, and an overview of the project was given by Bob Wiseman and Dall Clark. Project goals, timeline and work completed so far were discussed.

#### **II. Discussion of Staff Needs and Concerns**

Discussion ensued in regard to staff and student issues that should be emphasized in the Master Plan. The following items were highlighted:

##### **Safety**

- Sharing of info between campus and city police needs to be thought through. Who gets the call when incidents occur off campus? What are the sanctions when incidents occur? What about when young people who cause trouble at parties are linked to different entities such as UK, BCTC, Transy or no affiliation?
- The student representative noted that until the culture itself changes it will be hard to regulate students. Other campuses around the country who give students more freedom seem to have fewer problems. There is a culture of tolerance in other places that makes the students feel comfortable calling the authorities themselves if an incident or party gets out of hand. Here students are afraid to ask the authorities for help for fear of being sanctioned.
- A more central location for Campus Police should be considered in the Master Plan, especially with the projected increase in students.

##### **Recreation/Green Space**

- Emphasizing wide-open green spaces is essential in the Master Plan. Right now all organized events are being conducted in the area of ES Good Barn causing conflicts for students who use it for day-to-day recreation activities like ultimate frisbee.
- What about the area between Maxwell and High Streets? Transition points are needed between UK and downtown.

- Internal recreation space is needed on the north side of campus. A good use for the first floor of the planned residence hall on Martin Luther King Drive would be a fitness center; a 'Johnson Center North'.
- Other creative ideas should be explored like active or passive recreation areas on the roof. Getting students involved will help generate out of the box ideas.

### **Housing**

- Careful thought should be given to which students get the larger room designs that are planned. Freshman should be given the smaller rooms. Anything that causes them to get out of their rooms and socialize as well as exercise is helpful. Their issues are probably much different than we think.
- Living/learning communities need to be emphasized in the Master Plan.
- Need a 24/7 vibrant community where students can develop both leadership and social skills. Student centers should be designed around this concept.
- More retail and services are needed adjacent to campus. One location that comes to mind is the area along Virginia Avenue near the hospital.

### **Transportation/Parking**

- Transit routes for buses on campus are being reevaluated. They are starting from square one to see if there is an out-of-the-box solution that is viable. One idea that is being explored is a subway style model. This is in the preliminary stages and no information is available yet.
- Safe parking is a priority with students. Their definition of safe includes having parking near their destination.
- The surface parking areas are being reevaluated in future development plans. Finding enough space for disability and service parking is always an issue.
- Students' preferences for later class times factors into the parking issues. Their needs are different than the staff who arrive mainly at about the same time each morning.

### **Other**

- Can we tailor the survey that Sasaki is planning to specific needs that are known issues at UK?

Minutes prepared by Judy Needham.

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