

Campus Development Committee Meeting

January 30, 2014

325 Burruss Hall

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Steve Mouras
Jennifer Hundley
Carter Gresham
Jack Davis
Sue Teel
Leslie O'Brien
Matthew Chan

Others Present

Brian Shabanowitz (for Joan Hirt)
Heather Gardner

Mr. Steve Mouras presided, filling in for Mr. Jason Soileau who could not attend due to being called to Richmond last minute. Mr. Mouras presented on-going campus projects (see attached copy of presentation), including two with significant transportation planning aspects: Multi-Modal Transit Facility and Drillfield Drive. The following questions/ concerns were raised and addressed:

1. Regarding the Marching Virginians Practice Facility site:
 - a. Existing Recreational Sports fields will not be affected. Rec Sports will in fact gain limited use of the new band practice field.
 - b. Existing site has stormwater drainage challenges, which are being addressed in the design of the new facility. Drainage will tie into the already extensive drainage infrastructure along Southgate Drive.
2. Regarding the Multi-Modal Transit Facility (MMTF) and North Academic Precinct:
 - a. Cowgill Hall receives 2 semi-trailer deliveries per week on average. Maintaining this level of service access is required.
 - i. OUP is aware and future design drawings will reflect the need for service vehicle access.
 - b. Will regional bus lines service the facility?
 - i. Parking Services is working directly with BT to resolve. Additional service providers are possible, but nothing is firm at this time.
 - c. With the commuter lot being in-filled with campus development, where will students park?
 - i. Short-term, northwest surface parking area of the commuter lot will remain.
 - ii. Long-term, the Perry Street Deck will likely become faculty/staff only. Students may be able to park at the Turner Street Deck, though it is currently not an option. OUP is working with Parking Services to encourage alternate forms of transportation. Open capacity at the Cage Lot and Chicken Hill Lot can absorb a majority of the lost spaces.
 - iii. Options will remain for some student parking on the western side of campus.

- iv. The need for mass bike parking near the MMTF was noted by committee members. Their thought is that students and faculty coming to campus via bus will need a bike to navigate campus. Many will leave bikes near the MMTF just for this purpose.
 - d. Given the 3 current canopy design options, does the committee have a preference?
 - i. Option "C" is preferred, but all are acceptable.
 - e. What is the status of federal funding for the project?
 - i. We currently have federal funding for the planning phase. This means construction funding is likely, though has not yet been applied for. The first application will happen in February, 2014.
 - ii. Project is expected to be 90% federally funded, 10% VT funded.
 - iii. Rough total project estimate is \$30 million.
 - f. What is the project timeline?
 - i. Project construction estimated to be 18 months +/-.
 - ii. Best case = Full federal funding for construction by summer/fall 2015.
 - iii. Possible to be funded 50% in year 1, then 50% in year 2 in which case construction would begin in year 2 (2016).
- 3. Regarding Drillfield Drive:
 - a. Loss of parking spaces is of mild concern, but not a deal-breaker for the group.
 - b. Concern was voiced for ease of navigation for new drivers.
 - i. Can be made clear with thoughtful design details
 - ii. Ideal to keep configuration as similar as possible to existing roundabouts on campus and in town.
 - c. What is the project timeline?
 - i. Ideally, construction would start summer 2014. Summer 2015 likely more realistic.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

The next Campus Development Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2013 from 1:30 – 2:30. The meeting will be comprised of a site tour of the newly constructed Signature Engineering Building. A specific meeting location will be announced.

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AGENDA

- Welcome
- Introduction of Members
- Spring 2014 Meeting Dates
- Project Updates
 - Upper Quad
 - Classroom Building
 - Athletic Practice Facility
 - Marching Virginians Facility
 - Multi-Modal Transit Facility
 - Drillfield Drive: Status update & parking impact mitigation options
- Potential Field Trips
 - Center for the Arts
 - Signature Engineering Building
- Questions/Discussions/Future Meetings
 - Next Meeting: February 27, 2014 1:30 - 2:30, 325 Burruss Hall
- Adjourn