

Campus Development Committee Meeting

October 16, 2014

325 Burruss Hall

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Jason Soileau
Richard Rodrigues
Brandon Hunt
Monena Hall

Samer El-Kadi
Jennifer Hundley

Others Present

Lori Sharp

Administrative:

- Chair called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.
- Revisited Campus Development Committee Charge
- Introductions
- Chair expressed one of the main goals of the committee is to be engaging. Extended himself on questions and is available for other visits or presenting presentations, as well as offered tours.
- Chair had reached out to Debbie Freed (Alternative Transportation Manager) and Chris Wise (Director, Rec Sports) to share some alternative insights and will follow up again.

Construction Update:

- Indoor Athletic Practice Facility- On schedule for completion summer 2015
- Marching Virginians Facility- Construction to start in the fall of 2014, and completion by summer 2015.
- New Classroom Building- Construction to start November 2014 with an anticipated 18-month construction period with possible occupancy taken place around July 2016.
- South Recreation Fields Replacement- Construction to start early spring 2015 with an anticipated completion date by fall 2015.
- Upper Quad- Construction of Rasche Hall is underway with completion for summer 2015. Brodie Hall to be demolished summer of 2015 and scheduled completion date for summer 2016.

Drillfield Paths Update:

Long-term plans call for significant upgrades to the Drillfield and paths, to enhance the landscaping and pathways, add seating areas, and enhance path entrances in addition to parking and roadway improvements. Recently a multi-disciplinary committee has been formed with Agriculture, College of Engineering, Recreational Sports, Landscape Architecture, Environmental Sciences, Horticulture, Corps of Cadets and Student Government groups to undertake a comprehensive effort to achieve the following charge:

Explore (invent if necessary), test, and evaluate all weather and ADA compliant solutions to paths on the Drillfield in an effort to enhance the green-space aesthetic and multi-purpose of this iconic area and provide a recommendation.

The first meeting is taking place in October 2014.

Parking and Transportation MP:

OUP is coordinating with Parking Services to facilitate a Parking and Transportation MP that will evaluate parking and transportation infrastructure needs (including alternative transportation) to facilitate the growth and development of the Virginia Tech campus.

North Academic Precinct Pedestrian Study: (Concept Review)

A detailed presentation was provided by Jason Soileau to highlight concepts being explored in the North Academic Pedestrian Study.

The study was well-received by the committee, and the following comments were offered:

- The committee overwhelmingly preferred the “curved” concept for the Cowgill lawn, with the inclusion of a small café / dining facility in lieu of a stage.
- Incorporate bicycle use and separation

Closing:

- The meeting was adjourned at 11.24a.m.
- The next Campus Development Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2015 from 10:30 –11:30a.m in 325 Burruss Hall.