

ADMINISTRATORS' COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016

The Administrators' Council meeting was called to order by Chair, Dr. Tamara Livingston, at 3pm in the Wilson Student Center, room 215, on the Marietta Campus.

Present: Roger Stearns, Melisa Baldwin, Jeremy Johnson, Rai Sookram, Josh Gunn, Tamara Livingston, Kathy Alday, Jeff Cooper, Mark Lawson, Marty Elliott. Guests: Craig Vandevere, Director of Facilities Planning and Design, and John Anderson, Assistant Vice President for Facilities.

Master Plan Presentation and Discussion

John and Craig showed a Power Point presentation about the Campus Master Plan and distributed the five-year plan. Their hope is that the master plan will get final approval in December 2016. The plan includes new buildings and renovations of existing ones. Master plan goals: preserve and enhance campus reputations, provide space for growing and diverse campus community, plan so that students can complete required courses on one campus, and plan for sustainability.

Regarding Housing and Residence Life, KSU and GA State are low in numbers of students who live on campus. At some point, KSU will need to decide whether or not to impose a first-year live-on requirement (already in place at the Marietta campus), but we will need more housing! Discussion occurred about public-private partnerships (P3) in outsourcing management, operations, and construction of residence halls at USG system institutions. Jeff Cooper explained that nine institutions are part of this initiative with Corvias, a firm that works with higher education institutions on such ventures. Jeff explained that this move has been positive both fiscally and overall. Rai remarked that oversight is very important in these types of ventures. Mark stated that there are certainly pros and cons, but the contract is between the developer and the USG. Marty inquired about summer camps and conferences and if those would be possible in this venture. Mark said the contract doesn't preclude it, but it would be managed in a different way.

John said that KSU does have land to expand, and the intent is not to lose our beautiful existing trees. Life University had inquired about using the fields at the Marietta campus, but KSU is not going to allow it while the master plan is being developed.

Dumont Janks, KSU's Master Planning Firm, has shown that students are migrating more from Marietta to Kennesaw than from Kennesaw to Marietta. Jeff said the residence life survey showed the same thing.

There are a number of proposed projects for the Marietta campus, among those: a new Construction Management Building; renovating D, G, B, and the Library; and moving the existing Recreation Center to the current location of the Old Gymnasium. KSU has also secured legislative funding for a new roof for the Wilson Student Center. It is possible that, eventually, the location of the business areas on Cobb Parkway could become a development zone. Tamara remarked on the lack of a campus town feel for Marietta. John said a realignment of the main entrance is in the plan. Jeff asked if there was a way to rename space between Norton and Howell. Students refer to it as "the field between Norton and Howell!" Marty says its incredible that we have such valuable real estate and that the next decade will be amazing. We should look at multifunction spaces and facilities to maximize for use and connection, and to elevate competition teams.

Jeff asked about the "hook" for the Marietta campus, and what is its identity? Along with that, how can we work to create equity between the two campuses?

One of the plans for the Kennesaw campus is to consolidate KSU Athletics into the areas now occupied by Sports and Recreation (Owls Nest, Perch, fields, etc.) and move Sports and Recreation functions to the Kennesaw campus.

Jeff asked if study had been done about KSU's student engagement space, comparing it to other

institutions. Such a study has not occurred, per John; however, that kind of data would help drive priority for a new Student Center!

Marty asked about P3. Does the company have anything to add to student life amenities as they add beds to Residence Halls? Mark thinks it may be possible. Much discussion ensued about this matter and how it's a challenge to compete for student life amenities and space when the focus tends to be on academic needs first.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Tamara asked for suggestions for guest speakers in June.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katherine E. Alday".

Katherine E. Alday, Secretary