UAF Master Planning Committee Agenda

Thursday, January 29, 2001; 10 – 11 a.m. Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall Room 330

1. Development of the new UAF campus master plan Richard Macias of WRT and Dan Seiser of BDS will give their perspectives on how the plan will be developed.

Mr. Macias will be staying on campus through Wednesday, January 31st to interview the UAF administration on campus issues and anticipated changes and growth.

Master Planning Committee Meeting

January 29, 2001 Notes

Members Present:

Chris Bennett, Cindy Branley, Deb Brownfield, Rick Caulfield, John Craven, Don Foley, Clark Milne, Mike Supkis, Kathleen Schedler, Joe Trubacz, Bob Wheeler

Absent:

Brodie Anderson, Brian Barnes, Terrence Cole, Catharine Copass

Guests:

UAF Chancellor Marshall Lind Richard Macias of WRT Dan Seiser of BDS Carol Adamczak. DD&C, UAF Facilities Services

Handouts:

- WRT agenda for their presentation
- WRT draft schedule by tasks, dated 26 January 2001

Purpose was to meet with consultants for the new campus master plan as part of their three-day campus visit.

Chancellor Lind

Chancellor's Cabinet will serve as the steering committee for the planning effort. Asks the MPC to act as the working group to directly assist the consultants. The new Mission Statement, Strategic Plan, and Academic Plan are in place. It is time to update the existing master plan, now 10 years old.

Richard Macias

Plan must address issues from the campus. Will look at options. Result will depend on information gained from the campus and community. Will take time; must supplement working sessions with email communications. The tough parts are the existing conditions and architecture. UAF will decide on the final direction of the plan once WRT lays out the options. He outlined the draft schedule.

General Discussion with WRT/BDS

- The '91 plan lacks enablers, which are required. Need to know who is responsible.
- Need a template for when things need to be done. Must be user friendly.
- Reasonable people make reasonable decisions, but outsiders don't always find them reasonable, in part because we make decisions based on limited information.
- Look for buy in for the new plan.
- There is generally not much input from the alumni.
- UAF is at the threshold of new opportunities, and for this the new plan is not too late. Issues include relations with the community, transportation, quality of life, and how space structural and green spaces are used.
- Great appreciation for the chancellor's leadership. Must remember that there was nearly no buy in when the previous master plan was created.
 Need a clear schedule accessible by a web page. A draft in the summer is ambitious.
- Need to consider the place of the rural campuses in the planning. How to do it?
- UAF campus is a model/prototype of what Alaska can be. Pickup best northern practices.

- In the past, MPC would get involved in issues perhaps not really relevant;
 not a good use of our time.
- The issue of how students get from point A to B is important. Too little time (15 minutes) and too long a distance (one end of campus to the other).
 Some faculty do not appreciate students' efforts.
- MPC had to work on smaller issues because we didn't have a plan in place that address them.
- Need to consider the trails issue for the surrounding areas.
- Need a roadmap; the '91 plan didn't provide much in the way of specifics.
- MPC became the "dumping ground" for other's decisions. No buy in for '91 plan.
- Many on campus responding to "planning" in a negative way because of our recent history of having to plan for decreases.
- UAF has statewide vs. regional responsibilities. Don't forget the experimental forest.
- This is a land-grant university, hence there are lands that require special consideration.
- Need a buy in from other than the community "movers and shakers."
- Must get the draft trails plan into the planning effort.
- The schedule has the plan being finished in August. There will be a better buy in if the final reviews and completion are in the early part of the fall academic semester.
- Must address the question of the east-west extent of the campus. Use the center. Don't make it longer.
- Consider all walking paths and circulation in general.
- The steering committee must address the question of how TVC and the rural sites are to be included; now or as a follow-on.

MPC Discussion

The MPC unanimously accepted the chancellor's request, and will act as the master plan working group. Because of workload issues, the chair asked that someone else act as chair for the working group. Deb Brownfield volunteered and was accepted without exception.

Next MPC meeting

Thursday, February 8, 2001 9:00 —11:00 AM, Chancellor's Conference Room