#### **UAF Master Planning Committee**

Thursday, January 31, 2008; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall Room 330

- 1. Welcome and announcements
- 2. Subcommittee reports

Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art Circulation and Parking North Campus

- 3. Status of Campus Master Plan Update Deb Horner
- 4. Dana Thomas, Asst. Provost: child care, honors program, one-stop student entry
- 5. Facilities Services update
- 6. Public comment period
- 7. Other

# **Master Planning Committee Meeting**

January 31, 2008 Notes

**Attending**: Deb Horner, Doug Braddock, Rich Boone, Dianne Milke, Hans Nielsen, Bill Krause, Joshua Greenberg, Lydia Anderson

# **Subcommittee Reports**

### Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art – Deb Horner

Planning will continue on the dedication of West Ridge Plaza. Subgroup working on creation of UArctic learning habitats has been active. Rich will take a proposal draft to Thematic Networks meeting in Roskilde, Denmark this coming week.

**Circulation and Parking – no representation currently** 

North Campus Subcommittee - no representative present

#### **Status of Campus Master Plan Update**

The Chancellor's view is that Board of Regents approval is not necessary; however, he would like the update to be presented to the BOR at the June meeting as an informational item. Deb is waiting for comments on campus signage. She expects to send the plan out for public comment next week (first week of February). Lydia suggests that we send the update to Staff Council and Faculty Senate.

#### **Dana Thomas**

Dana reviewed his responsibilities as Assistant Provost as a mean of introduction.

Testing Services has severe space limitations. It is located in the bottom of the Gruening Building in a small room (about 2/3 size of Chancellor's Conference Room). Dana is working with Deb and others to resolve the problem.

Dana is seeking adequate and appropriate space for the Honors Program. Currently the program is in the Cooper Lane House. Facilities Services plans to move the Honors Program to 709 Colville, near the Chancellor's house. Facilities Services plans to remove the Cooper Lane House because the infrastructure/utilities are inadequate and would be costly to renovate. Rich Seifert has suggested retrofitting the Copper Lane House to provide a campus example of housing that is energy efficient and well suited for a cold climate. The Honors students will vote on their choice: a renovated Copper Lane House vs. the house at 709 Colville. Dana asked if the expansion of Wood Center would compromise further use of the Copper Lane House. Deb responded that it is unlikely that expansion would occur to the extent that the Copper Lane House would be compromised; it is possible though that parking might be located in the Copper Lane area, though this is uncertain. The exact timing of the Honors move to Colville is unclear; Facilities Services plans to give the program just the first floor, which will provide less space than the Honors Program has at the Copper Lane House. The Art Dept. will occupy 709 Colville immediately after Arctic Health occupants occupy the newly renovated Arctic Health Research Building space. The Honors Program would move into 709 Colville after the Art Department occupants move out. Dana has concerns about ADA access in both buildings. Growing an Honors Program is part of UAF's mission; the Honors Program will need more space as the program grows. There are about 200 students in the Honors Program; about 40-50 students enter the program each year.

A goal of the Campus Master Plan is to consolidate student centered services, preferably in one location. A component of the plan is to locate front-end Student Services (registration, fee payment, testing, etc.) in a Lola Tilly mall; it would require re-configuring the building and roughly \$20 million. It would be useful to identify which program in Student Services would go into the Lola Tilly mall. Dana is a component of one-stop shopping for students. A consideration is establishing a one-stop shopping location for tutorial services.

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) determined that UAF has a higher degree of child care needs than campuses nationwide. Childcare has been defined as one of top 5 needs for student success at UAF. Federal grant funds may be a possible means of support to establish childcare support for students on campus. Childcare is an issue for UAF faculty and staff as well. There is anecdotal evidence that UAF is losing undergraduates to UAA because UAA has childcare facilities.

# <u>Facilities Services Update – no representative</u>

#### **Public Comment - none**

#### Other – none

Meeting on February 14, 2008 is cancelled; the next meeting will be Thursday, February 28, 2008.