

Master Planning Committee Meeting
Thursday Feb 12, 2015, 9:00 - 11:00 am
Chancellor's Conference Room

In attendance:

Kara Axx
Jim Dixon
Mathew Carrick
Donna Gardino
Joshua Greenberg
Nicholas Janssen
Richard Machida
Da-ka-xeen Mehner
Gary Newman
Debby Queen
Michelle Renfrew
William Schnabel
Doug Schrage
Jonathan Shambare

Introduction of new members

Nicholas Janssen - Graduate Student Representative

Clock Tower Design

Jonathan presented the clock tower design; there is no funding associated with this proposal. Committee recommends that this is not priority for the campus at present and feels that Thompson Drive signage should be considered first. The committee would like to see the Thompson Drive Proposal revisited at next meeting.

Sub Committee Reports

North Campus

Committee had an informal ski meeting to assess Smith Lake access - proposal will be sent to Bear to determine if the option is feasible. Doug Schrage noted that the campus wildfire crew is coming together and may be a possible source of trail labor.

Campus Landscape Committee Meeting

No meetings

Art on Campus

No meetings

Sustainability

Ian Olson submitted the following update:

1) A forum was held 1/29 to present the Sustainability Plan to the students and the wider UAF community. Chancellor Rogers and Vice Chancellor Sfraga headlined the presentation. RISE Board chair Ian Johnson presented many opportunities for student involvement in the Plan and fielded questions from the audience. Turnout was excellent (the WC multi-level lounge was packed) and subsequent interest has been positive: many new volunteers have stepped forward to help with the implementation of the Sustainability Plan.

2) The RISE Board and Office of Sustainability continue to work on plan implementation. The current strategy has been to divvy up the objectives of the plan into roughly 10 different topical categories. Then, either through direct management by the Office of Sustainability, or via RISE Board sub-committee, each task category will be advanced. This approach has created many opportunities for volunteers to get involved. Still, not all parts of the plan will be implemented by volunteers and committees and OoS staff; for applicable parts, the Office of Sustainability is seeking to create student internships to help with the legwork of the more technical areas, typically related to energy and waste management.

3) After initiating the RISE Subcommittee on Sustainability in the Curriculum, I have turned over the committee to faculty member Jennifer Schell, CLA English, so that I can develop a subcommittee to address implementation of the Sustainability Plan with respect to university employee objectives.

Trails Planning

Jonathan reported that a request has been submitted to fund an Army Road crossing at Ballaine Lake for bikers/walkers in this area. Donna Gardino noted that DOT criteria require 20 walkers per hour for a crosswalk to be determined necessary.

Facilities Services

A class taught by Keith Whitaker will be working on a design proposal for Yukon Drive Pedestrian Trails Project; they are currently defining a scope of work and will present a design to the Master Planning Committee.

Application for Himalayan Trail project funding will be submitted to the Alumni Association shortly.

Jonathan will provide an update on the engineering building at next meeting.

No Public Comments