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## MEETING REPORT

PROJECT NAME: Wake Forest University Campus Master Plan

ASG PROJECT #: 20729.00

MEETING DATE: September 19, 2007

SUBJECT: Student Forum

ATTENDEES: 14 undergraduate students

Jim Alty	Assistant Vice President, Facilities Management
Connie Carson	Assistant Vice President, Campus Services and Planning
Luanne Greene	ASG
Kevin King	ASG
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### DISCUSSION:

1. Connie Carson introduced the design team which includes Ayers/Saint/Gross (ASG), Biohabitats, Martin/Alexiou/Bryson (MAB), and Affiliated Engineers, Inc. (AEI).
2. Luanne Greene made a brief presentation that addressed the purpose, process, and schedule of the master plan.
3. These campus strengths were presented by students:
  - Centrality and compactness
  - Traditional feel and aesthetics
  - Consistency of design
  - Ease of access – path network
  - Residential layout, organization, and scale
  - Sense of community within class
  - Proximity of student buildings – Reynolda, Benson
4. The group also raised a number of concerns and made suggestions about solutions:
  - Lack of parking
    - There is a need for intermediate or short term parking, especially during prime hours.
    - Want better predictability of where parking spaces can be found.
    - Is structured parking a solution? This might create additional reliance on cars.
  - Distance to amenities is too far
    - Could Polo Road area be developed as a college town area?
    - Could Reynolda Village become a more desirable destination?
  - Balance of parking vs. alternative transportation
    - What is the future of alternative transportation on campus?
  - Distance from opposite ends of campus is a long walk

*We will proceed in reliance on this report. P:\20729.00\_Wake\_Forest\_Campus\_MP\0-ADMIN\CORRES2007\Meetmins\September 2007\final\091907 ug student forum for web.doc*

*Any discrepancies should be brought to our attention within seven (7) days.*

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- Drainage needs improvement
  - Puddles on lower quad
- Lighting improvements could make the campus feel safer.
- Space needs:
  - Dining
  - Residence Halls
  - Tribble maintenance
- Students want a recreational center comparable to other institutions (Davidson College, University of Richmond, Duke University, the Johns Hopkins University's Homewood Campus). These amenities should be included:
  - Student union
  - Workout space
  - Eat, hangout, socialize
  - Gym space (add to idea of Miller Center)
  - Located separate from rec now
  - Pool, climbing wall
  - Food options?
  - Cozy, nice furniture
  - Location at Manchester Hall
  - Pool tables, juice bar (you know people will be there)
- The campus is lacking in common social space or a destination.
- Students are forced to go off-campus to hang out.
- Student interest in a north campus location for bar.
- Late night access to buildings for students
  - To study
  - To socialize, eat
- Common space to watch WF sporting events
- Off-campus students have little incentive to stay on-campus after class
- Cheaper to live off campus
  - Could the University provide more on-campus apartments?
- Campus gas (old gas station on Polo Rd.)
  - Renovate to have vitality similar to spirit of original Shorty's
  - Cool building
- Shuttle stop needs a shelter that makes students feel safe.
- Off-campus destinations are by default to the east, near stadiums
  - Add to these areas and make them pedestrian friendly
  - Freddy B's is popular, students will go, but not safe
- Downtown as potential destination, but students would prefer something closer to campus

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- Need for one central destination for food, movies, bars
- Reynolda Village potential
  - Improve lighting, beautiful walk on trail
- Greek Life
  - Unify with Greek Row
  - Specific locations for all Greek organizations
  - Don't feel comfortable leaving campus bubble
  - Unique Greek life (not exclusive)
  - Housing vs. partying – need social areas to encourage bringing parties back to campus
  - Current Greek system is not intimidating to non-Greeks
- Poor lighting – leads to driving rather than walking
- Faculty apartments could be location for Greek Row?
- Softer lighting on main campus quad
  - Safety issue
- Risk Areas
  - Lot behind Babcock feels unsafe
  - Hard to notice blue lights
  - Perception vs. Reality of “unsafe-ness”
  - Lot behind Collins feels unsafe.
- Bicycles
  - More of them are used on the north side of campus.
  - Abandoned bicycles chained to racks should be removed.
  - No bike lanes on campus or in Winston-Salem.
  - Lending program for bicycles is an option that students would like to have.
- Shuttle to off-campus housing
  - This would be an incentives to not use personal cars.

Respectfully submitted,

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