

Staff Senate Minutes December 15, 2004

Attendees	X	Michael Albino	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kristi Greier
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keshia Askew	X	Rhonda Griner
	X	Paulette Bell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anne Harper
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mary Jane Blackwell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Candy Horch
	X	Peggy Bower	X	Diane Jackson
	X	Scarlet Brooks	X	Ann Lee
	X	Matthew Campbell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crystal Lee
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cathi Curtis	X	Mike Logan
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Holly Denenny	X	Ray Pinner
	X	Mattie Draper	X	Marilyn Ratliff
	X	Marcie Epling	X	Linda Stanley
	X	Vicki Fowlkes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jan Williamson
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diane Gibbs		

List Proxies:

Marcie Epling for Jan Williamson

Peggy Bower for Crystal Lee

Linda Stanley for Anne Harper, Holly Denenny & Cathi Curtis

Mattie Draper for Keshia Askew

- **The meeting was called to order by Peggy Bower at 11:05 a.m.**

 - Peggy welcomed Dr Franz, who introduced Mike Finnegan, Assistant Vice President for Facilities and Operations Administration, who then proceeded with a presentation of the Campus Five-Year Plan.
 - Mr. Finnegan identified the contributors and goals, then presented a map of the campus, highlighting the proposed additions and changes. The red areas on the map represented current projects that have been funded or partially funded. These include:
 - (1) NCRH II—Scheduled for completion in Fall 2005.
 - (2) Applied Science Building—in the design state and hopefully will break ground in early spring. Will be a four-story, 200,000 square foot building. Construction of this building will include major campus changes, such as a new entrance, extension of the lake, and the widening of Lakeside Drive.
 - (3) Fraternity/Sorority Houses—in the early design stages. Hope to start construction in Summer 2005.
 - (4) Multi-level Intermodal Facility—Parking garage, drop off for city buses, campus shuttle service
 - (5) Relocation of University Child Development Center—location still to be determined.
- Mr. Finnegan indicated that one of the goals is to make the campus more pedestrian friendly by moving the parking to the perimeter of campus and creating greenways with walking and biking trails, getting rid of the roadway between Morton Hall and NCRH, and making

Holmes Avenue safer. Suggestions for Holmes Avenue include dividing it so that it could be crossed more easily, elevating it or (preferably) taking it underground.

(6) Phase I of the athletic fields (adjacent to SE Campus Housing on John Wright Drive) includes soil preparation, irrigation, drainage, grass, etc., to bring them to practice condition for softball and baseball teams. Phase II and III of this project will come later as funds are identified and will include lights, stands, concession stand, etc., to bring the fields to game condition.

UAH now owns 27 of the 35 houses in the Sanderson Subdivision. At some point in the future, hopefully all of these homes will be acquired and then will be torn down to prepare space for intramural fields.

Items shown in blue on the map represent future steps—construction of additional residence halls, an expanded University Center, expansion of Roberts Hall, a Performing Arts Center, and Phase II of the Intermodal Center.

Mr. Finnegan then opened the floor for questions.

- Karen Freemon and Scarlett Brooks asked for clarification about the University Preschool. They were assured that it will be relocated, not eliminated, and other improvements are being discussed.
- Matthew Campbell asked about the rows of trees shown on the map. These were an attempt by the architect to draw the campus together and make it more identifiable; however, some other means will probably be used.
- The question was raised about the possibility of a competitive track. This is not being considered at present.
- Mike Logan asked for more information about the shuttle service. Presently a deal is being negotiated with the city so that if we purchase the shuttles, the city shuttle service will operate them. Stops would be identified throughout the campus (8 or 10) and hopefully no more than a 6-minute wait time at any stop.

Dr. Franz indicated that there is a 20-year plan. He hopes that by that time we will be able to purchase the property currently occupied by the University Elementary School. He noted that those areas on the map showing intramural fields will eventually be used for additional academic buildings. He hopes Senator Shelby will be able to secure Department of Transportation financing for the Holmes Avenue project.

- Peggy asked if there were other questions. Since there were none, she expressed appreciation to Dr. Franz and Mr. Finnegan for sharing this information with the senate.
- Peggy asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17 meeting. The motion to approve was made by Ann Lee and seconded by Vickie Fowlkes. Peggy stated that we will return to our regular agenda at the January 18 meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.