Steering Committee  
February 3, 2009

I. Approval of December 16, 2008 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded. The motion was carried unanimously and the December 16, 2008 minutes were approved.

II. Report from Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee has made presentations to the Academic Planning and Budget Committee, the Academic Deans Council, and the Faculty Senate. The process is moving forward on time. Listening sessions with the consultants are scheduled for Thursday, February 5 from 2 – 4 p.m. and 5 – 7 p.m. in Union 346. A list of Frequently Asked Questions will be developed and posted on the Master Plan website.

III. Campus Feedback Update (Electronic and February 5 drop-in sessions)

We received 41 thoughtful comments (faculty-5, staff and administration-9, students-19, neighborhood residents-1, unknown affiliation-7). The Provost has called on members of the Steering Committee to act as ambassadors to encourage others to provide feedback. The committee discussed ways to increase feedback, as well as the timeliness of feedback. It was suggested that feedback at the department level would be helpful and that it may be too early for some discussions. As we move closer to a recommendation it is anticipated that people will be able to zero in with more specific feedback.

IV. Discussion Regarding the Consultants’ Campus Visit on February 25 & 26 and Revised Timeline

Phases B, C, & D don’t have as formal boundaries as Phase A. These processes are much more iterative and not linear. The basic concept is for the evolution of a hybrid scenario, with elements of each of the draft scenarios and overlaying more specific details.

Timeline:
  February – “roll up our sleeves” visit: 2/25 working sessions with staff;
  2/26-campus presentation and subcommittee working session
  1. Overlay Academic Plan and programmatic details
  2. Overlay design details
  3. Overlay technical details
  4. Overlay operational details
  March – Begin to see the mix
  April – Refinement
  May – Clarity

The consultants are seeking a good articulation of required adjacencies and continue to seek additional information about our space needs, our priorities, and our collaborations, both internal and external. The steering committee will ask various committees across campus to add an agenda item to discuss the master planning process.

V. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.