

**Civil Service Council (CSC) Meeting**  
**July 17, 2001**

Present: Lin Hinds, Vicki Bryan, David Turner, John Moss, Andy Monninger, Jack Wylie, Pat Schnitker, Julie Jenson, Barb Dallinger, Terry Brown, Elaine Thoennes, Keith Smith

Guests: Linda Wellenreiter, Steve Robinson, Dick Runner, Kristi Bina, Kevin Wiand, Jason Bane, Mary Weber, Will Hamann

Excused: Christa Lawhun, Ron Thompson, Sharon Foiles

Absent: Bob Sipes, Martha Burk, Marcia Strum

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Lin Hinds convened the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Introductions – Everyone introduced themselves, with council members stating the areas they represent.

Regular business was suspended and the meeting was turned over to Mr. Runner for an update on the Campus Master Plan. The steering team met with about 35 groups to gain feedback for the Campus Master Plan, including the Civil Service Council. The steering team consists of about 16 people, who are putting together the first draft based on input from these groups. There were many themes or commonalties within all the groups.

- Many compliments were extended to our grounds crew, which takes good care of our campus and our aging buildings.
- The need for more green space - open spaces – similar to the Quad. Specific plans for areas need to be created - meeting places, gathering places, recreational and informal, scheduled or happen-stance.
- Borders to the campus - consistent description that exterior of campus is not most attractive. Although grounds have planted hundreds of trees, we need to finish off the boundary or edges to make it look like the campus the University aspires. The whole treatment of campus both interior and residential side should be addressed. The steering team is working through Chuck Scott, Mike O’Grady, and Darcy Loy to determine what does that mean and how does it translate into an action plan. The plan might be gateways, arches, entrance gates, so you know when you arrive on campus, as well as addressing the entire boundary of the campus and how we interface with the town of Normal. Another consistent theme was creating a more pedestrian friendly campus by closing streets or parts of streets, moving heavy traffic generators to edge of campus or changing access. At the same time there was a desire to make the service areas on campus more attractive, such as the Feeney loading dock. Need to look to at how a facility appears and how it works.
- Dependability of services – electricity, air handling, mechanical, etc. What do we have to do to cut down on failures and address high priority needs. Upgrade our utilities to provide dependable and adequate power.
- Facilities - We need to look at how we create new facilities. Strong desire to use the best of what we currently have in architecture, replicating the best Georgian style in our facilities. The Schroeder Hall renovation will include replacing the skin of that building to make it more harmonious and fit in elements of architecture to be more uniform.
- Need to establish a stronger connection with town of Normal. The University and town each have representatives participating on each other’s planning committees to work on building a physical connection. Maybe campus can expand toward downtown with some programs and activities.
- Need to look at the Graphic systems – currently there are 3 to 4 exterior graphic systems. Need to have consistent signs as you travel around the campus.
- Transportation – how can we take advantage of the existing system in the B/N community as we grow and develop? How do we move parking from center of campus to the periphery of campus? University will be developing a property acquisition plan for property on the edges of campus.
- Need to create additional green spaces – possibly building a new North Quad where BSC parking lot and North lots are currently. Take advantage of that new location to move some functions currently housed in substandard buildings, or move Metcalf with all of its heavy traffic away from center of campus. Take advantage of the property that we have and the buildings that are currently there to create new attractive spaces that reflect the actual size of our institution.
- Also provided are Facility initiatives, such as...
  - Wellness Activity Center, with large areas such as gymnasiums that can be used by Kinesiology & Recreation programs. If academic programs use the facility, it becomes eligible for state funding.
  - Addition or supplement to power plant – distribution and generation or move plant.
  - Bone Student Center and Milner Library – how do they tie together? Flow between?
  - Academic class space – University is below square footage space for its population.
  - Housing – redesign and reconfigure, what quantity and style should we create?
  - Child Care – should we place in another building or a new building?

In early August a narrative draft will be done and placed on a web page. A web board will be available to provide feedback. At the October Board of Trustees meeting, a working draft will be presented. Public forums will also be conducted to obtain feedback from faculty, staff, and students. At the February BOT meeting the final plan will be presented. Group comments and minutes of the group meetings will be placed on the web.

### Questions

- Q) What is the farm going to be used for? A) Now referred to as the Gregory Street Property, a series of criteria will be developed on how best to use the property. Main campus is 350 acres and the farm is 250 acres. Plan to retain property for University's long-term use.
- Q) What about Hancock and the Arena? A) The new football office was part of the plan for the Horton upgrade. Need to upgrade and finish off the Arena.
- Q) Is there a timeline in the Campus Master Plan? A) Large projects will need funding obtained through state funding, student fees, and donations. Some projects are done in conjunction with another project, such as street or sidewalk changes when other work is required. This plan will provide for 10-15-20 years and will reflect *Educating Illinois* initiatives.
- Q) What about Infrastructure? A) This Campus Master Plan is not just aesthetics, but will address magnitude of maintaining and operating infrastructure.
- Q) Staffing Physical Plant? When Arena was built 1.5 additional people were to be added, however none were received. Since then University had added 12-13 facilities but no new staff. A) When new facilities are built, funding is requested for construction dollars as well as 1-Utility dollars, 2-Personnel dollars, and 3-equipment dollars for computers, ladders, etc. Funding for the three components comes annually. We need to hold discussions.
- Q) What about closing streets and providing access for deliveries? A) Would vacate portions of University, future more low scale – vacate public traffic not service traffic. School Street project worked with fire department for access. B/N Public Transit and ADA Coordinator were involved in discussions.
- Q) Alamo acquisition? A) This is a very expensive property – part of downtown project could make it prudent for Alamo to move. Long term needs to happen for the University.
- **Q) What can the Civil Service Council do? A) Read, make comments, criticisms, or suggestions and get back to Dick Runner through Web Board or e-mail at [rcrunne@ilstu.edu](mailto:rcrunne@ilstu.edu).**

The council will draft an article for the OpenLine concerning the Campus Master Plan Web Board and Campus Master Plan.

### Reports

Treasurer – No report.

Merit Board – State meeting will be held in July.

Unfinished Business - Julie Jenson updated information concerning the University contract with MNBA. MNBA solicits for an ISU credit card directed to students and alumni; however, information published in the faculty/staff telephone directory becomes public information. If employees receive calls from MNBA, they may contact Barb Todd, Director of Alumni Services. Employees may restrict personal information in the directory by contacting Human Resources.

Next meeting will resume regular business agenda, including dates on calendar and discussion of homecoming events. The meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

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**The next Civil Service Council meeting will be held Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, at Noon, in the Spotlight Room of the Bone Student Center.**