

University of South Alabama
Campus Master Plan Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2016, 7:00 a.m.
Boardroom

Members present: Chris Cannon; Lynne Chronister; Josh Cogswell; Josh Crownover; Sam Fisher; David Johnson; Andi Kent; Mike Mitchell; Randy Moon; Susan Sansing (representing John Marymont); Jimmy Shumock; John Smith; Troy Stevens; Tony Waldrop; Scott Weldon

Member absent: Angela Coleman

Others present: Amy Hutchings; Cecelia Martin; Carol Moore

Mr. Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. The minutes of the August 4, 2016, meeting were approved as presented.

Mr. Weldon began by reviewing the main topics discussed at the previous meeting regarding Committee charges and the goal of presenting the new Campus Master Plan to the Board of Trustees at its June 2017 meeting. Mr. Crownover suggested that the new Plan be more concise.

Ms. Martin presented a draft overview of the focus groups that would meet during September and October. These groups would include the President's Administrative Council, deans, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, department chairs, staff and SGA officers.

Ms. Chronister asked to have research facilities faculty added to the groups. She also asked if the downtown location would be included in the Master Plan. The group agreed that the Plan would include that location as well as the Baldwin County campus and other USA sites located away from the main campus. Ms. Chronister suggested that Mr. Harry Brislin be included in a focus group. Dr. Johnson suggested a faculty focus group, and Mr. Weldon asked about including an ad-hoc group of other interested individuals. Dr. Mitchell said that in his experience with such groups, he found a low level of interest. Dr. Johnson and Mr. Weldon asked the group to send suggestions to Ms. Martin and Dr. Coleman.

Ms. Chronister suggested adding questions to the survey related to research facilities. Dr. Mitchell and Mr. Crownover added that student-life facilities would need to be included as well. Mr. Weldon asked that staff be given the opportunity to take the survey.

Dr. Johnson suggested that the survey specify a ten-year time frame needed for planning and completing a new building.

Ms. Martin said the survey launch is planned for early October.

Mr. Cannon displayed a draft of the Campus Master Plan Committee website and said the link would be sent to the Committee members for their viewing before it was made public. Mr. Weldon asked the group to send input and/or questions about the website to Mr. Cannon in time for the planned October 1 launch date.

Mr. Weldon then reviewed the list of Committee meetings throughout the 2016-17 academic year and the goals and objectives for each of those meetings. He reminded the group to send to Ms. Martin any changes or ideas regarding the focus groups by the end of the following week.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 a.m.