

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

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

Mr. Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. The minutes of the November 21, 2016, meeting were approved as presented.

Mr. Weldon called on Dr. Coleman to discuss project prioritization. Dr. Coleman presented the following list of 14 buildings/facilities/space issues that will potentially be addressed in the Master Plan:

- Interdisciplinary Science Building
- Conference Center and Hotel
- Parking Structure/Space
- Fine Arts Performance Space
- Large Lecture Hall/Multipurpose Classroom Building
- Testing Center
- Imaging Center
- Humanities Building Renovation or Replacement
- Life Sciences Building Renovation or Replacement
- Medical Sciences Building Renovation or Replacement
- Alpha Complex Renovation or Replacement
- Student Center Expansion
- Delta Hall Complex Replacement
- Study Space

Dr. Coleman asked the members to write on self-stick notes their thoughts for any of the issues and add these notes to posters attached to the wall. A discussion followed about the group's thoughts on these issues.

Dr. Johnson stressed the importance of all new and renovated academic buildings containing as much study space as is reasonable.

Dr. Waldrop addressed the parking structure/space issue saying that the campus currently has adequate parking, and the ultimate goal is to have fewer motor vehicles on campus. Use of JagTran would solve the problems for those unable to find parking near certain buildings.

Dr. Mitchell noted that student groups are in dire need of a properly sized performance space, preferably larger than the Student Center Ballroom and smaller than the Mitchell Center. The Laidlaw Performing Arts Center is rarely available to student groups due to the continuous practice schedules of the performing arts students and faculty. Dr. Waldrop added that he would like to have one building to house both large and mid-sized performance halls.

Dr. Johnson mentioned Mr. Moon's idea of using a newly constructed academic building as temporary housing for departments in buildings needing renovations. After renovations to those buildings were complete, that facility would ultimately be converted to a science or large classroom building.

Dr. Waldrop added that he would like to provide shower facilities inside buildings to be used by individuals choosing to participate in physical activities during lunch hours.

When the group addressed the second half of the list of issues (primarily existing buildings), it was noted that these structures were in significant need of HVAC repairs/replacement. Mr. Moon said that because of the age of these buildings, most would need to be temporarily vacated in order to properly resolve the HVAC problems.

Mr. Crownover said the Student Center is in need of a multipurpose hall/space.

Dr. Coleman then asked the group to use the eight self-stick dots they had been given to indicate on the wall posters which of these 14 issues they considered to be of the most importance. Mr. Moon mentioned that the ILB needed to be added to the list.

Dr. Johnson announced that a request had been made for a RESTORE Act subsidy to assist with the establishment of an environmental science fund.

Dr. Coleman said she planned to consolidate the group's remarks and present an outline of the program plan at the Committee's January meeting. At that meeting she would also present a few samples of master plans for universities similar to South. A draft of the programming section of the Master Plan would be presented at the February meeting.

Dr. Kent asked about the possibility of including in the Master Plan moving the College of Education to the main campus. Even though the response was that this would probably not be economically feasible in the current 10-year plan, Mr. Weldon asked that it be addressed in the draft program outline.

Dr. Waldrop asked about the extent to which the Campus Master Plan considers the hospital facilities used by students in fields such as nursing and physician assistant studies. Dr. Johnson responded that even though SACS does not require the hospitals to be included in the Campus Master Plan, it should be considered. Mr. Weldon said he would discuss with hospital officials the existence and/or details of a hospital master plan. Ms. Sansing added that she had recently discussed with Traci Jones the need for more research space at the hospitals.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.