

Notes by Gerry Bomotti

Infrastructure12

Task Force Meeting date: 10/11/12

Summary Update Report from Infrastructure Task Force Committee Meeting on October 11, 2012.

Committee Members:

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Task Force Charge: Review outcome of the FY13 planning session and identify specific priorities and help assure we make progress towards addressing those issues.

Summary Notes of Major Discussion Items:

1. Support for all the major infrastructure items coming out of the summer 2012 planning update, with specific comments on the following:

*Enrollment Management/Financial Aid. This discussion was specifically focused on coordination with colleges both with recruitment as well as coordination on financial aid coming through the Foundation (concern that the information on availability of financial aid amounts comes too late in the recruitment cycle). G. Bomotti will follow-up with the Foundation to see if they have any suggestions.

*Overall campus space utilization review and evaluation, specifically including Friday scheduling and use of existing facilities. It was noted there are some existing groups looking at scheduling and related issues, so G. Bomotti will make sure this issue is highlighted to the Provost. This should be a very high priority in our planning process. Follow-up: The Provost has several groups focused on campus space utilization and scheduling efficiencies, including one looking at storage. As the recommendations from these groups come back to the Provost he will share them with the Infrastructure Task Force for feedback.

*College Based Business Officers. This remains a high priority, and has been a high priority for the infrastructure group for a long time. This item should be moved up to a tier 1 priority.

2. Other important issues raised in the discussion:

*Parking for College VIP's. Request that the colleges be allowed to purchase reserved parking spaces for guests/visitors. G. Bomotti will forward this to the Parking Advisory Committee for discussion. Follow-up: This item has been brought to the Parking Advisory Committee and the option for Colleges to purchase some appropriate level of reserved spaces has been approved.

*Consideration of models for financing the masterplan implementation, and overall Campus Deferred Maintenance backlogs, to include other/new funding sources. This is an on-going issue and new revenue sources are difficult to identify and get approved. The campus strategic planning process is critical to identifying priorities for the available resources of the campus, which are always finite.

*The need for larger (500 seat range +/-) lecture auditoria for the campus. This issue has come up in the past and has been part of the masterplan discussions. G. Bomotti will bring this forward to the Provost for review and prioritization. Follow-up: The Provost has given this issue to the E-Learning Task Force that he has established, for their review and recommendation. There are very different campus views as to the best way to support educational delivery in the future, and it is very important to discuss these and arrive at a final direction.

*Upgraded Animal Research Facilities (Vivarium) to meet requirements for supporting competitive research funding. Although the White Hall animal care facility received some upgrades recently, the facility does not meet the requirements for research support needed by some campus faculty. A new facility designed to meet existing and future needs is desired. G. Bomotti will work with the VPR on this item.

*Continued perception that campus purchasing and contracting takes too long. It was noted we have added an attorney stationed in Purchasing to help move all contracts (anything that is not on standard PO terms and conditions) along more quickly, as well supporting College Based Business Officers.

*Concern that there is a significant campus perception that UNLV is giving priority to the Mega-Events Center and UNLVNow vs academic/campus based priorities and needs. While the stated intent is that the UNLVNow project will not use any state or student resources, the perception/concern remains. G. Bomotti will pass this along to Bill Boldt for consideration in campus communications planning.

*Work with regional storm water utility to see if the areas around this part of the valley can get higher on the priority list for storm water improvements. The entire area in which the campus resides basically has storm water capacity to address events that are in the 10 year range, whereas some of the more recent storms have been well above this range, likely well over 50 years and perhaps up past 100 years. P&C is following up with CCRFCD about the schedule for flood control improvements in this part of the valley (including coordinating with RTC on the Maryland Parkway corridor study).

*Imaging/Electronic File Storage. The campus identified a single vendor for this project in the past but roll-out has not been as widespread as anticipated. Additionally, some campus offices are going out and seeking independent vendors for their own offices, further impacting the ability to support a consistent approach. G. Bomotti will raise this issue with the Provost. Follow-up: The campus IT Masterplan work will also include a review of this issue.

