Planning & Development Committee  
December 17, 2007


Attending: Beth Jones, John McCullum

The Agenda for the meeting was as follows:

1. Approval of the 10/15/07 P&D Minutes

2. 2008 Action Plan (FYI, Preliminary Discussion)  
   Draft 6; Provost Henry will be present at the January Meeting

3. Subcommittee Reports  
   Joint Traffic Safety & Campus Safety Subcommittee  
   (Beth Jones & Elizabeth Beck)

4. Other Business

Agenda Item #1

Phang Tai called the meeting to order at apx. 1:04pm. On the bottom of Page 4 under the section of “Campus Safety” the bolded name Sandra Garber was corrected and changed to Beth Jones and the 3rd sentenced that began, “She mentioned . . .” was changed to “Sandra Garber mentioned . . .” After the changes were noted, the motion was made to approve the minutes and the group moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Agenda Item #2

The committee briefly discussed the 6th Draft of the 2008 Action Plan.

John McCullum, in regards to the section under Infrastructure, was curious about initiatives to increase retention. He also asked whether funding for annual maintenance on the existing facilities was something the committee wanted to look into. “Should we question the dialog of the existing facilities: eventual changes of ceilings, walls, floors, etc?”
Jerry Rackliffe explained that if there was no existing money in the budget to support a project(s) (i.e., if it couldn't be done) the Provost didn’t include it. (Deferred maintenance (apx. $127 million) were one of the subjects unlisted.) Jerry explained that they had maintenance plans in place for 1) Scheduled Maintenance 2) Preventive Maintenance and 3) Breakdown Maintenance. He mentioned that there was funding in place for #1, some funding for #2, and no funding available for #3.

Tim Crimmins - “What we could say is that The University will develop a funding plan for ongoing preventive maintenance. We’ve invested a modest amount of money into the “Lighting Up the Campus” project. We should paint sufficiently & regularly enough to make sure that it doesn’t give off a depressing feeling?”

John McCullum explained that in some of the newer areas (such as the Aderhold Building) aesthetics maintenance was handled contractually, but that in the older buildings (GCB, Kell, etc) this wasn't something that was planned for.

Tim reminded the committee that the classroom environment was important and that all of the teaching classrooms should be technologically efficient. He noted (supported via survey) that the Aderhold Building received good feedback and could be used as a good example for other buildings. Jerry Rackliffe mentioned that P&D could make a recommendation to FACP in regards to the idea.

In closing Phang Tai reminded the group that they had plenty of time to discuss the report in more depth, and that the Provost would be at the January 2008 meeting to discuss the report with the group.

The group then moved on to agenda item #3.

Beth Jones headed the discussion on the Joint Campus & Traffic Safety Subcommittee. She passed out the following highlights on some of the committee’s concerns:

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<th>Suggestions for improvement to pedestrian safety on Georgia State University campus:</th>
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<td>Pedestrians seem to respond to presence of police. On day shift and evening shift we have 10-12 police on patrol on foot and with bicycles, motorcycles, and cars. On morning watch from 11p - 7a there are 8 -10.</td>
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<td>There are currently 4 cycles. $19,170 each were bought with Grant.</td>
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<td>Count Down crosswalks would be helpful. They are about $3,500 each. We would have to coordinate with City to install.</td>
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<td>From January 1, 2007 to November 13, 1007 the police provided 1,451 escorts.</td>
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<td>Streetscape are in process for Decatur Ave from Peachtree to Jessie Hill and for Piedmont Ave. The City has approved. GDOT has also re-approved Decatur. We're waiting on Piedmont. Bid should go out in March.</td>
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<td>GSU medallions should start being seen in January 2008.</td>
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Phang Tai gave praise to Beth for the great work & progress with the project.
Everyone in the group agreed on the importance/urgency of the countdown crosswalks. Tim Crimmins made note of the crossing area in front of Kell Hall. Brenda Blackwell explained how pedestrians tended to disregard turning signals of cars turning left and how this seemed to be a problem at several areas around campus. Sandra Garber explained that this problem was now much better at the Peachtree Center-Central Avenue / Decatur Street Corner (Next to Walters Shoe Store). She mentioned that the problem was helped by having the light's left-only signal start at the end of the Green light cycle rather than at the beginning of it. She said that this simple change seemed to make a huge difference. Jerry Rackliffe mentioned that the University did have to coordinate with the City, but that that type of a change in more of the lights should not be a problem.

Jennifer Chiovaro - “It was my student that was recently killed and I spoke at the funeral and on behalf of the Law School and of course I believe we should do everything in our power to make sure this didn’t happen again. No one should have to go through this.”

Beth finished the discussion by mentioning that she would currently look into getting a map together of the problem locations.

Agenda Item #4

The last item discussed during the meeting was in regards to the issue of Faculty/Staff Offices. It was mentioned that 2 floors of 34 Peachtree Street would be renovated for office space, floors 4-5 of Classroom South should be empty in enough time to start some construction over the Holiday, IS&T had began moving to the Citizens Trust Building, and discussions on a 2nd Science Building would begin on December 18th. John McCullum said that he’d send out a report on the facilities’ rankings for MRRF within the next couple of weeks. He mentioned the 3 categories of facilities ranked were State, Foundation, & Occupied Facilities, and the report(s) would include info. such as facilities condition, age usage, historical data, etc.

No other major issues were discussed. Phang Tai wished those in attendance a Happy Holiday and invited them to the Annual Holiday Fest for the Department of Biology (Phang Tai, Chair). The meeting was adjourned at apx. 1:30pm.