



Staff Senate Meeting April 4, 2007

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The April 4, 2007 Staff Senate session included the following items:

Speakers:

The Chair opened the session by introducing Mike Harwood, University Architect.

Mike Harwood discussed the Executive Summary of the Physical Master Plan.

Task forces were formed to review, make recommendations and revise the 2000 Master Plan. The updated Master Plan remains focused on the vision of a campus of neighborhoods woven together by a system of footpaths, streets, and transit. Mr. Harwood emphasized ongoing improvements to campus appearance, and especially Facilities Operations department's efforts resulting in enhancements to open areas and improved turf.

Updates to the Master Plan include:

- ❑ A new Guiding Principle defining campus Hallowed Places – special places that are unique to NCSU, such as the Bell Tower, Brickyard, and Lake Raleigh
- ❑ Expanding the description of Sustainability at NC State and adding design guidelines for sustainable building design
- ❑ Reaffirming the concept of a pedestrian-oriented campus
- ❑ Planning for a Bus Priority Corridor
- ❑ Incorporating into the South Campus Precinct, the master plan for Greek Court Redevelopment, a potential site for a campus childcare facility, redevelopment for the Army Reserve building, and McKimmon Center expansion.
- ❑ Designating Lake Raleigh Woods as a unique ecosystem to be preserved as an outdoor environmental teaching resource.
- ❑ Updating campus maps to reflect projects in planning and new development ideas
- ❑ Examining enrollment growth and campus space needs and the types of space NC State will need to meet future demands.
- ❑ Developing enhancements for more beautiful and functional campus open spaces.

The entire Physical Master Plan can be found at http://www.ncsu.edu/facilities/physical_master_plan/index.htm.

Announcements:

Erskine Bowles, President of the UNC System, has made a decision not to move forward with legislation to create an HR system separate from the State of North Carolina system. He has proposed forming a legislative task force to identify possible modifications to the State Personnel Act that will provide the University with greater flexibility in personnel matters and improve the existing system for university employees.

The University now conducts background checks on persons hired for initial employment, as well as current employees who change jobs. This preventive measure began April 1, 2007.

Staff Senate Chair, J.C. Boykin, who also chairs the Staff Assembly (<http://uncstaffassembly.northcarolina.edu/>), reported that the results of the President's Advisory Committee on Efficiency & Effectiveness (PACE) initiative indicate that NCSU led the way in many of the business practices and processes reviewed.

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