SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS MASTER PLAN

MINUTES:  Approved minutes from February 16, 2011

MASTERPLAN: Dennis Swinford, Director of Campus Planning facilitated a power point presentation on the Campus Master Plan. Dennis explained the Chancellor’s vision for the future of the campus. The Master Plan looks toward the next 30 years of campus growth. Common goals are the need to beautify campus, enhance pedestrian safety, create a more accessible campus, plant trees, and to create a strong positive visual character to campus. The Plan also looks into adding classrooms, new residence halls, a larger Student Union, Wellness Health Center, Pool, Admissions Center, Labs, and identifies historic structures. Some common themes have also been discussed such as a 24/7 mix use campus. Another main theme is the use of the campus core as the Academic focus, and a positive connection to downtown Amherst.

In the presentation Dennis talked about how Master Planning. Workshops have taken place to discuss 3 different scenarios for the future look of the campus. The most popular seems to be the plan expanding the campus ring road to behind the Mullins Center and change Massachusetts Avenue to a 2-lane road and shifting it behind parking lots 32/34. Academic buildings would provide infill and service buildings like the Physical Plant and Transportation facility would be moved to other areas. Buildings that are not in poor condition such as Bartlett will not be invested in and will be taken down. Parking lots would be built on the perimeter of campus and frequent shuttles would be utilized to transport employees to and from the campus core.

Discussion by the group followed the presentation and Dennis promised to attend future meetings and provide updates as they occurred.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Master plan
- Pay station Updates
  Lot 24 Tilson Farm Road
- Winter Parking policy
- Abandoned Bike Policy
- consultant’s report

NEXT MEETING: April 6, 2011 Room 904-08 Campus Center 12:00pm – 2:00pm