

Task Force 3
January 26, 2015
McCollum Science Hall 81B

Bill gave a recap on the Task Force Chair's meeting on January 22 and briefly summarized the other Task Forces work. After discussing with other Chairs, it was found useful to invite the library Dean to the next meeting on February 4, and invite Matt Croeger to discuss enrollment management the following meeting on February 18. The Academic Plan was brought up during the meeting, and both the Academic Plan and the Task Force Plan both have goals associated with learning and residence. It's important to get the Academic members to think about common goals. April Chatham-Carpenter and Nancy Cobb are co-chairs on that committee.

February 10 is the All-Task Force lunch that will take place from 11:00AM to 1:00PM in the Slife Ballroom. Presentations from each committee will be given.

The Task Force discussed dining services and the roll of residence halls and the importance they have in the Master Plan. The committee could inquire about academic success rates and how the residence halls should be structured to support student learning. It should add to the college experience as a whole.

Greek life – where does it stand at UNI? The campus owns some houses, which is unusual for a university and unique to UNI. The physical plant manages those houses. The committee discussed a need to identify how strong the Greek presence is. The women have showed strong growth in the Greek system, but the men have had significantly slower growth.

The committee brought up land acquisition that UNI has and could have. There are spaces on College Hill, University Ave., Hudson Rd., and stray houses like the single house on Panther Drive. There was discussion of a high profile housing potentially by University Ave. and Hudson Rd., although there would be issues with the stream located nearby.

Faculty and staff housing is managed outside the department of housing. There are currently nine faculty in the UNI Hillside-Jennings apartments. Since UNI has shown slow growth, the campus would rather have those spaces filled than sitting vacant. It's important to figure out what UNI has, and discuss the parameters for leasing the apartments. Dean Shoars leases the apartments out. He is familiar with real estate, and may be a good candidate for adding him to a future meeting.

There was also a thought on booster housing. A booster buys a house, and book groups for that arrangement when they don't use it. Could be a hotel suite arrangement as well.

Is the president's house a good place for the president? It is a personal house, used for entertaining campus guests, and open for groups wanting to see the house. The president and his family are there to raise money and show the university off. There could be one room in that house that could be saved for a very special place for very special people.

For the final product from the Task Force, the committee could address the first four questions on the charge letter to the group, and add or subtract from the questions into the committee's final product.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15PM. The next meeting is scheduled for February 4 from 3:30-5:00PM in McCollum Science Hall 81B.