

Task Force 5
January 26, 2015
WRC 175

Chris started committee discussion by summarizing the Task Force Chair's meeting that occurred on January 22 and told the group what the other Forces were working on. The All-Task Force lunch will take place on February 10 from 11:00AM – 1:00PM and the Chairs from each Force will present a summary of their work.

Chris also showed the committee the Colorado Task Force plan to use as a reference. After the February 9 meeting, the group will discuss what to put into the plan. At the February 9 meeting, the committee will talk about academic needs, and HPERs will give a presentation.

At the February 23 meeting, Lynn will give a grounds presentation showing the past, present, and future landscaping. This may be jointed with the new campus landscape architect, but she may not be employed by then.

The committee welcomed Steve Schofield subbing for Brooke. He gave the group a presentation about venues and usages of spaces on campus and provided a handout outlining UNI's spaces and plans for them. Notes and edits are written on the handout which will be uploaded to the Task Force's Google Drive.

The committee also discussed the problem of parking on grass fields for big events, like behind the B-lot parking lot. There is constant compacting during every event and it adds up. Major improvements have been suggested.

It was also mentioned that there are possible future environment implications. UNI could work with a hydrologist to find the impacts, especially by the tennis courts and track. New buildings could pull away from the creek, especially if it's planned to flood more due to the growth of neighborhoods. If the campus gets new tennis courts, there would be no point putting them by the creek again which would result in the same issues UNI has now.

Turf is also an issue the group brought up. There is a lot of data and studies dealing with turf. The cost of turf, the multiplicity of use, and injury concerns are things the committee could look at. Soccer could benefit with artificial practice turf since a lot of competitors have matches on turf. Turf as a whole could be considered with the updating of facilities and usages of them.

Messersmith field could benefit with turf in the middle as well as lights for night use. The field is fenced off, but the low fence does not keep out the public.

UNI has a lot of shared sport spaces. This is unique to UNI since a lot of universities are exclusive to one sport in certain areas. The practice football field, though, only allows the football team to use it. It was suggested to let academic classes use the field as well. The classes will not ruin the field, and it could considerably help out HPELS with space and activities.

It was briefly discussed before the end of the meeting the need for storage for outdoor spaces, the new turf for the dome, and the “band-aid” repairs on the track in the dome.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20PM. The next meeting is scheduled for
February 9 from 10:45AM-12:15PM in WRC 175.