

Task Force 6
March 9, 2015
Rod Library 324

Today the committee started by looking at a document that Gowri and Parker collaborated on which compared other campus master plans to UNI's master plan. The document was labeled "Vision for the Future", and located on the Task Force's Google Drive for further editing. The committee referred to the document to identify the common themes and brainstorm on those ideas.

The group brainstormed some additions for the "Vision for the Future" document.

- Should include "human comfort" into the plan
- Other college's goals are very specific
- Common themes
 - Utilities
 - Water, electricity
 - Materials
 - Curriculum
 - The committee wants to integrate curriculum into sustainability.
- Campus community
 - How to implement sustainability
 - Outreach – students and staff are ultimately the ones who can change it.
 - Sell an idea to make it theirs
 - Create an outreach involvement plan
 - Engagement
 - An engaged campus community
- Grounds
 - Add to space category
 - Managed indoor spaces
 - Managed outdoor space

Missing categories in other campus plans

- Curriculum

Brainstorm specifics with each major category

- What the campus should look like in 5, 20, and 25 years.

The committee broke into small groups to discuss each main category discussed, and reconvened to share ideas.

- Energy
- Materials
- Space
- Curriculum and Outreach

Energy ideas

- Increase space utilization to eliminate consumption
- Shared services
- One computer per person
 - Have just a laptop, not both a desktop and laptop
 - Both computers are aging at the same rate; Can eliminate electronic waste.
 - Bring your own computer, reduce computer labs.
 - Have a virtual network.
- Do not keep buildings open late just so students can use the computer labs.
 - Create a department charge when they keep buildings open.
 - Consolidate labs.
- x% reduction in fossil fuels in 10 – 20 years.
 - Biomass use – renewables
- Reduce water for cooling process.
- Get campus users involved.
 - Students follow staff and faculty when they lead.
- Hub printing
- Low flow showerheads in Department of Residence
- Lab energy audit program.
 - Ex. McCollum Science Hall – huge user of energy.
- Human comfort
- Solar, wind renewables
- Engaging with outside campus users.
- Interdisciplinary hubs
 - Consolidate into one building.
 - Can all classrooms be in one or two buildings?
 - Offices can be spread.

Materials ideas

- Overlapping with energy in a lot of aspects.
- Questioning consumption patterns.
 - Paper
 - Four semi-truck loads of paper come to campus each year.
 - Convince people to use less paper.
 - Northern Iowa Newspaper does not have an online format.
- Interdisciplinary internships
- Managed print system
 - Paper rations
 - Each year, parking passes and a map are mailed to each home every year.
 - What are the hidden costs for something like this?
- Compost, post-table waste for the next 5-10 years.
- Doubling waste conversion from 15% to 30% in next five years.
- Furniture recycling

- UNI recycles tons of furniture, it is just not recorded or logged.
 - It is a landfill diversion.
- UNI could create an electronic form with an approximate weight of the object to calculate pounds saved per year.
- Upstream reductions
 - Change plastic bottles on campus to aluminum bottles
- Construction recycling
 - UNI does not take credit for construction waste diversion
- Panther Pickup at the end of the school year
 - Salvation Army and St. Vincent's bring trucks only at certain times of the day
 - Does not meet the need
 - Tons of off-campus wastes gets put on campus after hours
 - Get rid of dumpsters
- Create a zero-waste event

Space/Grounds

- Buildings with all classrooms
- HVAC zoning – common spaces
 - Sabin does this
- Non-Standardized class times
 - Pick one building for late night classes.
- Reduced work week
 - Major positive recruitment impacts, especially since this is a suitcase campus

Outreach and Curriculum

- Using the Panther Shuttle at new student orientation
 - Increases usage
 - Helps with figuring it out

For the committee's next meeting, representatives from College Hill, downtown Cedar Falls, and the neighborhood associations will be meeting with the committee on March 23 in CBB 323. If any member has questions for the guests, please send them to Gowri.

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for
March 23 at 8:00AM in CBB 323.