

GUILFORD COLLEGE
CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

INTERVIEW AND
OPEN FORUM MINUTES
MAY 11-13, 2005

While these notes represent an attempt to record the master planning team's interviews with College faculty, staff and students as faithfully as possible, they are not intended to provide a verbatim transcript of the conversations. If any participant feels that the minutes contain inaccuracies or fail to properly convey the tone of their remarks, they should contact me at once.

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All interviews were conducted by Syd Knight of Van Yahres Associates. Several were also attended by Walt Teague of TFF Architects, Lisa Macklin of CFP Facilities Planners and Rex Harrell of Guilford College.

CAMPUS ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW - Angela Moore, Marlene McCauley

3:00 pm, May 11, 2005

- There are wetlands at the head of the lake. Some in woods along stream, too. Don't know if any have been identified and designated by Corps of Engineers.
- Lake is fed by springs as well as surface runoff. Springs are located under lake.
- The meadows have a relatively shallow water table.
- The portion of the stream that drains much of the campus has no name; just a tributary of Horsepen Creek.
- Have two soils reports from recent years. First was done by Trigon Engineers in 1998, before Frank Family was built. Other one done by S&ME, Inc when College was looking at expanding YMCA in 2000. No unusual soil conditions noted in either report.
- Lake has sedimentation problem, mainly as a result of runoff from athletic fields. Needs to be dredged. Maximum depth is about twelve feet.
- City of Greensboro depends on surface sources for all water supplies, so is pretty tough on surface water quality. Has some innovative stormwater suggestions on-line.
- Significant animal habitat in both Woods and Meadows. Woods are important migration corridors, too.

ADVANCEMENT- Anne Hurd

9:00 am, May 12, 2005

- Advancement includes Development, Alumni Relations and College Relations. Development is in Hendrix, Alumni Relations is in the Alumni House and College Relations is in Bauman. Advancement also uses storage space in the library basement.
- Alumni Relations is in an ideal location. Nearby location would also work well for Development.
- Development needs access for media, vendors, alumni and donors. Parking is critical.
- Advancement also handles the Bryan Lecture Series, homecoming and other big campus events.

- If they can't be near Alumni House, Advancement would also be happy if they were consolidated in Hendrix.
- CCE is crucial to the College's future. They need to be given adequate facilities. It's a mutually beneficial relationship, though, because CCE needs the Guilford cachet. The trick will be giving CCE convenient facilities and services, especially parking, while making them feel like part of the College.
- Might make sense to move the soccer fields farther north along New Garden in order to create space for more CCE parking.
- Athletic and Arts programs can excite potential donors.

MAILROOM – Brian Wenger and two others

11:00 am, May 12, 2005

- Mailroom now located in King; has been there for two years. Was in Duke prior to that.
- Processes all incoming and outgoing campus mail.. Also contains the print shop.
- Correspondence Center is in King as well. Works closely with print shop but is under the administration of the Academic Dean. Do they need to be in King or could they be in another location?
- King has poor vehicular access. Trucks must stop at front of Hendrix; drivers have to bring everything in from that point by dolly.
- Mail room requires relatively central location. Needs dry space, better vehicular access and a loading dock..
- Would be ideal to combine mail room with central receiving. This facility could handle all campus deliveries except bulk materials (landscape and construction materials) and large pallet loads. These would be handled at the physical plant facility.
- Also need better mail facilities at Founders, including better vehicular access. A van space for loading and unloading would be great.
- Could mail, central receiving and print shop all go in Founders?
- No perceived advantage to combining CCE and traditional student mailboxes. CCE students account for very little mail traffic.

OPEN FORUM #2 – Approx. 25 Faculty, Staff and Student Participants

12:00 noon, May 12, 2005

(Forum comments represent individual views)

- The "One College" idea will not be achieved as long as fees and access to classes are different.
- There are currently no reasons for CCE students to get involved with the rest of the College.
- Computer labs, cafes and the library are three types of facilities where CCE and traditional students would be most likely to mix.
- CCE students don't use their mailboxes.
- Open space is important on the campus. Must be balance between buildings and open space.
- Opportunity to develop an open space between Frank Family, Binford and Bauman.
- Most people appreciate the informality of the built spaces on campus.
- Everyone on campus needs meeting space.
- Guilford has very few unprogrammed, informal spaces.
- Could more computer labs be created? They are especially important for group projects. How about in residence halls?
- If the meadows are ever developed, it will be important to leave a buffer between campus and adjacent neighborhood.
- Should investigate feasibility of an eastern entrance to campus, either through the Woods or at Dolly Madison.
- Western edge of campus is most visible to public and needs a great deal of refinement.
- Can College institute a "no cars" policy for freshmen?

ASSOCIATE ACADEMIC DEAN – Steve Shapiro

1:00 pm, April 19, 2005

- Prospective CCE, EC and traditional students now come to visit three different admissions offices on the campus. Can we consolidate them?

- Could admissions go in King (because of centrality)?
- Could Advancement go in New Garden?
- CCE offices need to be closer to Registrar.
- Business office and Registrar need to be in same location. Student Life and Residence Life, too.
- Classrooms and faculty offices should be combined in same buildings.
- College needs across-the-board classroom improvement.
- Academic Skills Center is now in library. Why not in an academic building?
- Health services and Counseling are now in basement of Founders. Would like to get them out of the basement.
- Need better student recreation and fitness facilities.
- All improvements should promote natural, not forced, mixing.

HUMANITIES– Dave Limburg, Sylvia Trelles

2:00 pm, May 12, 2005

- Would like to see College develop an international center, a facility which would ideally be located on the edge of campus where both members of the Guilford community and members of the public could have regular meetings for language and cultural studies. Coffeehouse? Would need meeting space for up to 75 people as well as lab, seminar, classroom and study space. Could house the study abroad program and the international studies office.
- Community gathering space should be top campus priority.
- A new recreation and fitness center should also be a priority.
- Keep the lawn at New Garden for play space.
- The Lake is used as an outdoor classroom space.
- Dana needs renovations. Needs bathrooms. It is one of the College's most visible buildings and is often used by the public.
- Parking is becoming an increasingly important issue.

FACILITIES – Brian Wenger, Charlie Cameron, Nancy Semones, Mark Miller

3:00 pm, May 12, 2005

- Dana, Founders and Frank get most rental use.
- College has emphasized making conferences and events more cost-effective.
- Conference and Events office is in Bauman.
- The little building between Bryan Hall and the Facilities complex is the "Housekeeping Hut."
- Facilities does not have enough shop space. Want to move paint shop to warehouse (large shed on west side of complex) and build carpentry and pipe shops in main facilities building.
- Theater department uses half of warehouse for their shop.
- Furniture storage is in basement of Regan-Brown.
- Facilities needs more offices.
- Facilities complex needs better truck access. Large trucks have a difficult time getting in and out and have to contend with steep grades, tight, blind turns and lots of pedestrian and golf cart traffic. No good dock.
- There is a faculty/staff divide on the campus. Mixing those two groups in same buildings might be one way to foster a stronger sense of community.

BUSINESS AND POLICY STUDIES – Kathy Tritschler, Lavon Williams

8:30 am, May 13, 2005

- Division includes Justice and Policy Studies, Accounting, Business Management and Sports Studies.
- Division is scattered all over campus. Justice and Policy studies are in King, Accounting is in Bauman, Business Management is in Duke and Sports Studies is in Alumni Gym.
- It is not a crippling problem to be scattered, but consolidation would be helpful. Business Management and Accounting should be together. Sports Studies also works closely with them.

- Very concerned with the health of the Guilford community, especially students.
- A student fitness center would be a positive, community facility. Would support Quaker value of community by being a meeting place and would promote value of integrity by encouraging students to be responsible for caring for themselves. Institution also has a responsibility to provide a healthy setting for its students. Could also support the CPPS by allowing fitness outreach to parts of the general population.
- Having the YMCA on campus for so long allowed the College to get away without a student fitness center.
- The current fitness facility is more of an athletic training facility; it's used by people who know what they are doing and is intimidating to the uninitiated. The student fitness center will need to be separate from the athletic training facility.
- That still leaves the question of how to get student athletes to embrace the Guilford culture. Student athletes are more racially diverse than general student population. The College has a new faculty member – Bob Malenkoff – in the Sports Studies program whose area of expertise is integrating athletics into small, liberal arts colleges.

ACADEMIC DEAN – Adrienne Israel

11:00 am, May 13, 2005

- The interview with the academic dean was incorporated into the 10:00 am Initiative Committee meeting.

CAMPUS MINISTRIES – Max Carter

3:00 pm, May 13, 2005

- Quakers believe in the sacramental nature of all things.
- Quakers do not use symbols (no flagpoles on campus, for example).
- Quakers are inclusive, respect nature and non-materialistic.
- 90,000 Quakers in North America. Largest group are in the Triad area.
- Guilford's student body is approximately 10% Quaker. All other religions are represented in student body. All are respected and encouraged.
- May be easiest to define a Quaker campus by what it does *not* contain. It has no chapel or sacred space (Moon Room in Dana is the closest thing to a meeting house at Guilford). No symbols (flags) and no ostentatious architecture or plantings.
- The simplicity of the campus is considered a virtue.
- Haverford, Earlham, Swarthmore and Bryn Mawr are other schools either founded by Quakers or currently operated as Quaker institutions. Their campuses are all much more manicured than Guilford's. Guilford's campus was carved out of the North Carolina forest and has never had the same emphasis on architectural or horticultural display.
- Since Quakers believe in "letting their lives preach," the campus should do the same. Practice should be harmonized with principle. Campus should reflect peace, integrity and equality. One way to do this is by creating community spaces.
- Could campus be connected to a community or regional network of historic sites? Bike or walking paths?
- The area was an important center of anti-slavery activity before the civil War and an important point on the Underground Railroad. No one has proved that the Woods were used as a stop on the Railroad though they very well could have been.
- Lots of other significant events nearby: Dolly Madison's birthplace, first baseball game in the South, first Negro school, several Revolutionary War battles and events.

