

11/22/16 Resource and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

7 senators in attendance --- K. Ange-van Heugten, R. Bernhard, H. Hergeth, R. Kotek, John Liam, Steve Perreti & (one arrived late and not in the attendance log)

Guest speaker = Mr. Scott Douglass Vice Chancellor for finance and administration – New to NCSU as of Jan 11th, 2016

Mr. Douglass did not know there was a wish for communications between his department and the faculty senate but is grateful to know there is.

He gave our committee contact info (numbers and e-mails) for himself, Doug Morton AVC for finances, Jeff Bandini AVC Real estate and development, and Dave Ranier.

Mr. Douglass suggested to bring in Doug Morton after we give him some time to adjust to his new position – he thinks he is a great new hire. Mr. Douglass would like to come back to our committee to share his 6 year master plan for university in the future. He is excited about NCSU possibilities – when he says he wants to improve – it is not because anything is bad but because he wants it to be even better 😊

On the current map there are buildings that don't exist and that could be incorrect for the future. Unlike other places, we are very fortunate that we have lots of land. Thus – we need to think better about where we really put buildings. For example: We have to be careful with rentals – one bad neighbor can be a concern bc the good neighbors may move too quickly. Consolidation can be good - one example - 1 great dining hall instead of numerous smaller ones.

Need a planning firm that has experience with working with places like NCSU. Show several ways, not just one. The goal is to think about extended term views while ensuring we value the land of Centennial campus (Ex: denser model of growth – go up not out --- establish connections). This does not mean anyone will forget main campus though.

There are vague ideas of a future gondola or monorail type system to connect the 2 campuses. There is a push to re-establish campus connections both functionally and personally. We don't want either campus to feel isolated.

Mr. Douglass wants real and open conversations. He realizes that groups can make great decisions. He has a high tolerance for argument and likes to hear ideas and perspectives (not just senior faculty with old philosophy understanding – new people, too, since they may use the for a long time).

Mr. Douglass's background – behavioral economist of sorts – State of De (secretary of finance), City of Wilmington, DE, Univ. of PENN (Wharton School), Univ of Del., now NCSU --- his wife is a communications person and is very helpful with his PC.

His current challenge is the historic core buildings: How do we address those? Broughton 150 million dollar renovation – this is not realistic in the current financial climate. Mann and Poe are a 2nd option – 20 million instead?

Cappuccino machine story: \$\$ was spent that some seemed to think was too much for a new coffee machine but later discussion showed that the increased togetherness was both personally and functionally important. New collaborative grants and camaraderie.

Questions ---

How high may the buildings on Centennial go?

Main campus – not much higher – Centennial 12 – 14 floors should be OK for residential type – City wants to cap at 20 max --- academic/research/ etc at 6 – 7 floors.

Where are our students living? Research shows that the more students are on campus the more they are successful ... 2 yr mandate instead of 1 for student living could be a though?

It would be nice to consider further future linkages between his department and faculty.