

Campus Design Committee Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2008

The following were present: Skip Stanaway, Kent Duffy, Kendall Harris (SRG Partnership), Ben Johnson (Walker Macy, Landscape Architects), Bill Pierson, Tom Gill, Michael Smith, Julie Brown, Lucien Swerdloff, Pat Keefe, Jennifer Whitman, Angela Bake, Al Jaques, Lindi Overton, Stephen Schoonmaker, Tom Gill, Pat Keefe, Greg Reihl, Greg Dorcheus and Cindy Hawkins.

Skip began the meeting by reviewing the agenda.

Skip provided a status report and review of the current Schematic Design drawings as they have evolved from the input provided to-date from the various committee workshops, internal department meetings and continuing feedback from faculty and staff. Skip will work with Al Jaques to schedule another meeting with the individual departments to review the plans as they continue to be refined, this meeting should take place in approximately two weeks. Following this yet unscheduled meeting, SRG will further refine the plans consistent with the feedback from that meeting. Skip explained that SRG is working with its consultants to finalize the Schematic Design process by early March and bring it back to the committee for approval.

Kent Duffy provided the committee with an overview of the "New Building" that is proposed to be located on the South side of Lexington Avenue. The Northern main building entrance would be at the current sidewalk grade of Lexington Avenue and would align with the new main entry of Towler Hall. The Southern 2nd floor entry would be at the existing parking lot grade in the vicinity of Fertig Hall. Kent reviewed the space functions of this 3 story building as well as the exterior building elements. Discussions took place regarding the accessibility of the Community Meeting room from the Lexington entry and from the Southern 2nd floor entry. Further refinements will be examined to provide accessible entry solutions for all entries.

Ben Johnson with Walker Macy presented an overview of the conceptual site plan surrounding Towler, Patriot and the Library including elevations and pedestrian linkage concepts in these areas. Ben also provided 4 optional site plans for review and comment. Ben explained the reasoning and application of the "site" elevator proposed for a location adjacent to the West end of the Library. This "site" elevator would provide accessibility from the grade at Lexington to the 3rd floor main entry of Towler and to the 2nd floor entry of Patriot. The "site" elevator would provide a vertical means to navigate the approximate 12' grade difference between Lexington and these building entries.

Discussion was held on the topic of a future "Campus Forum" to present the final Schematic Design drawings to the Campus Community. It was discussed how difficult it would be to gather all staff and faculty together for the "Forum", considering the ongoing daily instructional schedules. Al Jaques and Lindi Overton will explore "Forum" options for the group to consider.

The next meeting is TBA, pending completion and review of the Final Schematic Design Drawings and Cost Estimates. The anticipated meeting date will be in Mid-March.