

**Campus Plan Task Force Meeting**  
**September 29, 2009**  
**Mary Graydon Center – 7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Introductions
2. Review additional work for transportation consultants
3. Facilities needs
4. Population history and projections
5. Overview of available sites

The meeting was called to order by David Taylor, Chief of Staff to President Neil Kerwin.

AU representatives attending included David Taylor, Jorge Abud, Assistant Vice President, Facilities and Administrative Services; Jerry Gager, University Architect; Penny Pagano, Director, Community and Local Government Relations; Maria Pahigiannis, Projects Coordinator, Office of the President.

**Transportation Study**

Observation points were taken in September and October as they are the University's peak travel times, with the aim of producing the worst case scenario.

**Facilities Needs**

University Architect Jerry Gager presented a review of the campus community's facility needs (see the presentation materials located at [www.american.edu/finance/fas/campus-plan.cfm](http://www.american.edu/finance/fas/campus-plan.cfm)).

The Facilities Project Planning Team was established in the summer of 2009, and charged with identifying and cataloging facilities needs through review of current inventories of facilities requests, budget submissions, and periodic ad hoc requests for new and/or improved facilities. The first step was to email the deans, directors and division heads to gather the various needs of the University, which include: academic space; housing; athletics & recreation; university center space; administrative services; and an alumni center. All together 835,000 assignable square feet were requested. Jerry Gager emphasized that this is a wish list of requests, and that the square footage calculated is an educated approximation of this wish list. The next step is to evaluate these needs and pair the list down.

**Population history and projections**

The expected growth in students over ten years is about 1000, with a small growth in undergraduates and a larger growth in graduate students. The University is looking to grow its graduate programs as stated in AU's strategic plan. The Washington College of Law (WCL) has out grown its current facility and is looking at a new one perhaps at an off-campus location or an on-campus one. If the

law school moves back on campus then we would have to look at how that affects population. The expected growth for the law school over the next ten years is 300 students, from 1,700 to 2000.

The neighbors raised a number of concerns. First, they wanted to know how the possible move of WCL back onto the main campus would affect the enrollment cap, and if AU would be asking for an increase. Jerry Gager indicated that AU would be asking for an increase in the cap, to 11,600 students without WCL and 13,600 with WCL. The neighbors also raised the issue of the growth in staff to accommodate this growth in students. Currently, the number of AU employees is at 1,800 and our employee cap is 2,200, so we remain well under our cap. Another important issue raised was parking and traffic. As mentioned earlier, AU has hired transportation consultants to conduct a transportation study. They are still gathering additional field observations. The study will be shared with the neighbors once complete. Jerry Gager was able to offer some information on parking, however. Presently, AU has 2,350 parking spots of which on 60-7-% are in use during peak times. Furthermore, ridership on the AU Shuttle has also increased substantially since the last campus plan. It is at 1.7 million passengers a year. The neighbors also asked to see a report on the volume of tickets issued in the neighborhoods.

#### **Overview of available sites**

Page 14 of the presentation materials highlights in yellow and blue all of the available sites for development. The yellow shaded areas were also looked at during the 2001 campus plan process.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be October 206, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Mary Graydon Center.