

**UMass Boston Renewal: Fidelity to Urban Mission
Meeting Notes**

Sub-committee: Master Plan (MP) Subcommittee (MPS)

Date/Time of Meeting: June 14, 2007; 8:30--10:30am

Location: Campus Center, Rm 3545

Co-chairs: Ellen O'Connor & Gordon Wallace

Notetaker: Sue Wolfson

Attendees: Ellen O'Connor, Kristy Alster, John Benson, Larry Chan, Diane D'Arrigo, Patrick Day, Peter Langer, Sue Wolfson, Michael Shiaris, Mike Watkins, Peter McClure, Pat Burns, Caroline Coscia, Steve Crosby, Nancy Stieber, Jack Wiggin, Persis Rickes, Mike Williams, Andrea Janzen

Excused: Gordon Wallace, Drew O'Brien, Daryl Ford, Jennifer Brown, Elsa Auerbach, Paul Tucker, Darryl Mayers, John Pearson, G. Siperstein, Jason Pramas

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	DECISIONS	ACTION ITEMS
Status of Master Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consensus at this point appears to be that phase I of the Master Plan will include at least two new academic buildings, housing, and relocation of the utilities backbone in preparation for dismantling the substructure. • A set of guiding principles has been established to help in decision-making on the broad framework and specific components of the Master Plan. • Chancellor Motley will receive a briefing of the Master Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A guiding principle should be established that addresses the transportation needs of the campus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guiding principles will be revised to reflect the Subcommittee's comments and suggestions (S. Wolfson).
Future Direction of Master Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MPS needs to re-think its purpose and move from a subcommittee of the Strategic Planning Task Force to a Master Plan Steering Committee. Under this format, we would put structures in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dialogue with and input from the University's constituents and stakeholders needs to be based on facts and hard information and not opinions. For example, data suggests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish the Master Plan Steering Committee.

	<p>place to increase the involvement of the internal and external community in the master planning process (i.e. workshops).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the definition of the community? Given that we are a state institution shouldn't the student in Central Massachusetts be welcome at UMass Boston? • Regarding housing, some in the community are fearful that dorms will turn UMass Boston into an elite school and not be accessible to local students. • The one university concept proposed by President Wilson may present opportunities for UMass Boston in terms of the Master Plan. We should await clarification of the one university concept and discuss whether or not our goals and aspirations are consistent with this vision. • The expression of the urban mission has changed over time. The current meaning of urban mission should be clarified. • A suggestion was made that UMass Boston may want to consider hiring a public relations/advocacy firm with town/gown experience that can assist with the University's communication/interaction with the community. 	<p>that residential students have higher retention rates and that students learn not only from faculty but from each other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The University needs to do a better job of explaining what's right for UMB and its students. • The one university concept will be re-visited at the July meeting of the MPS if additional information is available. 	
Strategic Plan Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final draft of the Strategic Planning Task Force Report will be presented at the last meeting of the Task Force on June 25th. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New academic buildings and the construction of residences will be included in the draft report. The report will not address which programs will reside in the new buildings. • The recommendations of the Strategic Planning Task Force will be delivered to Chancellor Motley. 		
Informational Material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of the Chronicle of Higher Education Campus Architecture, dated February 2007, were distributed to the MPS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Next Meeting –July 12, 2007; 8:30-10:30am; Campus Center 3545	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of existing conditions analysis • Presentation on alternative campus plan scenarios 		