Agenda: University at Albany Facilities Master Plan Workshop: Community Outreach and Engagement

Meeting Date: April 12, 2011 6:00 PM
Location: Hall of Fame Room

Project Name: University at Albany Facilities Master Plan
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Intent
The State University Construction Fund (SUCF) is currently conducting Facilities Master Plans (FMPs) at each of the four-year SUNY campuses. The plans will provide criteria and guidelines for campus improvements and facilities developments that support each campus' academic mission and strategic vision. They address improvements for the ten-year period from 2013 to 2023.

As a part of UAlbany’s FMP, the planning team is conducting a series of workshops involving different segments of the campus community. The intent is to work together to identify areas of concern as well as current and future opportunities.

This workshops will bring together a range of community leaders, chosen to represent constituents from a diverse range of local interests. The goal is to inform participants of parameters that have been determined to date while soliciting input and advice on the future of each UAlbany campus.

Format
Each Workshop will be two hours in length. During each task facilitators from the planning team will circulate to keep sub-groups on task, ensure participation from all attendees and help pin up/prepare material for reporting out.
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Introductions (5 minutes)
- Facilitators will introduce the session, including process, objectives, and ground rules

Project Overview (15 minutes)
- Description of the scope and schedule for the the FMP
- Institutional Vision for the Future
  o Brief summary of the campus’ Strategic Plan
  o Statement of enrollment targets
- Overview of the campus and facilities
  o The age and condition of the facilities: that 80% of the space at UAlbany was built within a single time frame; that it is obsolescing as a piece and in serious need of a plan for renovation and renewal
  o That there is a modest need for new space, primarily related to programs that cannot be accommodated by the existing structure.
- Planning Considerations
  o An order of magnitude translation of the capital funding obligations these first two points imply: the campus is in need of significant amounts of new funding
  o This amount is likely to exceed the actual funding allocation. It’s therefore necessary the plan not be a compilation of “wish lists” but an implementable plan that can accommodate the changes required within a 20 year time frame

Exercise 1 (45 minutes: 20 minutes task; 25 minutes reporting out): Challenges
The master planning process to date has identified a number of significant issues including the need to renovate broad portions of the campus while providing for a 21st century academic environment.

i. what opportunities, issues and concerns do you see these changes present to the surrounding community?
ii. Which aspects of the UAlbany campuses detract from a positive image of the University or its stated goal of community involvement and engagement?

Participants will work in teams of eight to ten people to list responses on PostPads. Each team will chose a recorder and a presenter, tasked with reporting out that group’s findings to the room.

Exercise 2 (45 minutes: 20 minutes task; 25 minutes reporting out): Successes
- Identify past successes: ways in which the University and community have worked together in the common interest. What has worked in the past and should be certain gets carried over into the future?
- What features of the UAlbany campuses contribute to a positive image of the University within the community?

Closing (15 minutes)

Extract from the 2010 University at Albany Strategic Plan:

To engage diverse communities in strategic partnerships to increase public, scholarly and economic benefits

We will be a leader among research universities in strategic partnerships and engagement involving faculty, students, alumni, and local to global communities for university advancement, societal and scholarly benefit, and economic development. We will be recognized for our work to create and apply new knowledge relevant to addressing the critical issues of the 21st century. We will leverage our distinctive strengths and the competitive advantage of our strategic location in New York’s capital city to enhance our reputation, influence and impact.