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Implementation Update

Construction on campus is in full swing. Many projects that are part of the overall plan for campus growth are underway:

- Student housing in both the North and Central portions of campus continues, with Champions Court I and II; New Haggin; and Woodland Glen I and II scheduled for opening next fall. The Board approved the construction of Limestone I and II on North Campus at its January meeting. Site work there, will commence shortly.
- Work has begun on the \$110 Million Commonwealth Stadium Renovation. Signs of progress are obvious to anyone travelling that end of campus.
- A major utility project to install an electric duct bank that will service the new Academic Science Building and residence halls in central campus will begin in May. Portions of Washington Avenue will be temporarily closed during this project. Watch for information signage along this roadway.
- Site work for the Gatton School renovation and expansion is well underway. Staff, faculty and graduate students will begin moving to temporary locations in the Matthews Building and Mandrell Hall beginning in April. The purchase of the former Seminary property will begin to fulfill the mission of providing necessary swing space when over 100 members of the College of B&E move into Mandrell Hall on that site. In the future it will provide temporary space so that other facility renovations can be pursued.

Several projects are also in the study or design phase:

- Design of the FEMA project along Alumni Drive is almost complete, with utility work beginning soon.
- The design phase for the new Academic Science Building on the corner of Rose and Huguelet is nearly complete. Site work is expected to commence this summer.
- An architect and design team will be chosen shortly for a future Student Center expansion and renovation project. The historic 1938 Student Center building will be protected and renovated as well as Alumni Gym.
- Studies are underway for renovation of both Patterson Hall and the exterior of Lafferty Hall. Lord, Aeck and Sargent will study Patterson Hall to determine how to carefully renovate this space for reuse as a living-learning center. Local architect, Susan Hill has been asked to study Lafferty Hall and how best to accomplish needed repairs such as tuck pointing to maintain this important structure.
- Results of a transportation and parking study by Carl Walker Associates should be out in a few months. One of the major outcomes of this study will be a proposed location for the next parking garage.



Construction Impacts

The impact of construction projects on movement on and around campus is increasing due to major improvements in our housing and academic building stock as well as the utility work that goes along with it.

You can see a map of the major construction projects and approximate schedules at <http://www.uky.edu/EVPFA/Facilities/>.

SWING SPACE

Work continues on the Seminary to get Mandrell, Bosworth and Sanders Halls ready for the newest UK occupants. The weather finally broke, allowing the sign shop to re-clad the monument sign on Limestone so that we can proudly show ownership of this area as a part of UK. The doors of the three academic buildings are being re-keyed to match the UK system. Rooms are being re-numbered to fit UK standards and new signage is being installed.



Sanders Hall, formerly Sanders Chapel, will undergo the biggest changes. It will be converted into a 110–120 seat classroom with full IT capabilities. The unique structure will remain the same with interior renovations that include new flooring and desks, technology improvements and ADA compliance.

Faculty and Staff from the Gatton College will be ready to move into their new setting as soon as the Spring semester ends. This project has been a true interdepartmental endeavor. Between the construction itself, finding places for faculty & staff during the renovation, freeing up space for classes to carry on during this time period and transforming the former Seminary for use by UK, it has taken coordination between dozens of different offices in at least 4 departments within UK to accomplish.

FEMA Project Update

Utility work at Nicholasville and Alumni Drive should begin this winter. In the meantime, the Landscape Architects and Engineers at Bell Engineering are doing their best to design storm water solutions that will feel like a park to pedestrians moving through the area. The concept is to design an open creek with overlook platforms that will provide a teaching opportunity along Alumni Drive near Limestone as well as a series of landscaped detention basins extending east on Alumni that will afford the exceptional storm water control necessary to mitigate flooding in that area and protect our downstream neighbors.

Coordination is underway to design and implement this project in conjunction with other current projects along Alumni Drive such as the Commonwealth Stadium expansion and future baseball stadium to make the area cohesive and keep improvements sized for future use. The end result should prove to be innovative and attractive.



Landscape Plan

Work on the landscape plan addendum to the master plan is wrapping up. Sasaki, our master plan consultant, has provided guidance on overall concepts and thought processes on the how the structure of the plantings within the context of the type of spaces they occupy can provide a cohesion to the fabric of the campus. They've provided concepts for each of 16 different areas of campus, including the White Hall classroom quad, Main Lawn, Rose Street corridor, Washington Avenue greenway, Memorial Coliseum to Funkhouser corridor, Gillis Green area and others.

Details for the addendum are being reviewed and the plan should be in place soon. We are beginning to implement the plan immediately in a couple areas of campus. The connections from Gatton to the POT plaza to the north and Memorial Hall to the south were carefully thought out and reviewed by Sasaki during the design of the Gatton School renovation. Areas are also being cleared on both the north and south side of Washington Avenue to recapture green space there and provide a pedestrian corridor.



Tree Planting Initiative

Another current piece of the landscape implementation plan is a major tree planting initiative that will be taking place this spring and fall. Several areas of campus will receive infill plantings that will help define some of the corridors and open spaces on campus. We will be planting over 120 trees this spring with another 80-100 coming in the fall. The FEMA project will also add over 200 more trees to campus when complete.

Grounds personnel will be hand selecting mainly native species for the two plantings. Tree species selections and placement are a direct result of the combined efforts of Sasaki and the UK master planning team. Noticeable projects will include a grove area on the Main Lawn, Avenue of Champions, the connection from Memorial Coliseum to Funkhouser and the POT plaza. Watch our website for upcoming details.



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