

Facilitator: Dave Hellmich

Recorder: Steve Stone (with assistance from Mary Forbes)

Steve made the independent decision to scrap the traditional format for this special meeting.

Present:

Marty Baxter, Jackie Wiseman, Susan Hayes, Debbie Holt, Kevin Dunn, Rebecca Simms, Angie King, Bonnie Nicholson, Ben Worth, Tammy Liles, Dave Hellmich, Steve Stone. (Greg Feeney out for the majority of the meeting, Vicki Wilson was not at the meeting)

Guests - Rob Knight, Mary Forbes

Dave called the meeting to order and introduced Mary and Rob. Dave said discussion would be held in confidence and all should speak freely.

Dave set stage of importance of this discussion on facilities and its large impact on BTC future. All should wear multiple hats. Not just what's best for our department, but best for all students.

Looked at a slideshow Dave had prepared of space we will be getting in Georgetown, and space that will be available on Leestown as programs move into the Georgetown building, and other spaces that might be opening as programs change.

So, Dave focused us on one specific scenario: could we build one more building at Newtown and be able to completely give up all three buildings at Cooper?

So, an a data-informed decision, Dave had done the math to see how many classroom spaces would be needed, and how many classroom spaces are currently available at Newtown, and could be added with the new building. We looked at high, low and medium numbers, with a historical perspective, and with one more building we might get close to replacing the classroom space. But we would not be able to also replace all the laboratories, student computer labs, library, and faculty offices.

We had a wide-ranging discussion, and did not reach full consensus, so below I have attempted to collect some of the more interesting discussion points, not to capture the discussion as it happened. I've chosen to organize them by campus, other thoughts, and next steps.

Cooper Campus

We need to move from Cooper. The buildings do not cost us anything in rent, but they are aging. The Memorandum of Agreement lays how the meetings should go to determine whether UK or KCTCS should be paying for maintenance, but UK seems less and less interested in attending those meetings.

We have a newly remodeled dental assisting / dental clinic area at Cooper.

We have several science labs at Cooper which are aging and need to be improved.

We have some allied health labs at Cooper that are largely unchanged from the 1980s or 90s.

Since we are largely maintaining the buildings ourselves, we may think about giving up one of the buildings at Cooper before we leave the campus completely. There was not a great deal of discussion, but the Maloney Building seemed to be the first building to leave.

Newtown Campus

Dave Hellmich had extensive research, showing what is taught at Newtown, what is taught at Cooper, and what could be built in the second building. But the figures just do not work out: we cannot replace the classrooms, the labs, and the offices currently at Cooper by adding one more building at Newtown, given the current budget of that building. So although we want to leave Cooper, we will not be able to with the second building.

We need to plan what we want the second and the third buildings at Newtown to do. With the third building built at Newtown, we should be vacating Cooper (and perhaps having some presence still on UK's campus such as BCTC faculty teaching BCTC classes in UK buildings when it is mutually agreeable).

The question that was wrestled with throughout the meeting was whether the next building at Newtown should be another primarily classroom building, or primarily a science building. Of course, you could have a classroom building with one or two laboratories, or a building with several labs, and some classrooms, but the cost of science labs would necessarily reduce the size of a building. And there are some cost efficiencies in having multiple labs in the same building, not only in construction, but in operating the labs (not having to move chemicals to another building).

Currently, we are so short on labs at Cooper that we are having labs on Sundays, and Organic Chemistry cannot even be offered.

The idea that a dental hygiene program / dental clinic at Newtown would be a clear service to the community was pointed out.

The Megaowan building is adequate for the police training program, but does not really have that much space. It looks larger from the outside than it actually is, I believe Rob Knight said that there is one large 60 person classroom, a couple of smaller classrooms and 15 or so offices, and the gymnasium.

The Newtown North buildings which currently house Adult Education / GED may have some space for classes at some times of the day. There may be some cubicle space, but not a lot.

Do we want Newtown to be the campus where students start their classes, and get all the pre-requisites out of the way, and then go to Leestown for further health education, or to Cooper to finish their transfer education?

Leestown Campus

There was a lot of discussion of the Leestown campus moving towards being the "Health" Campus, with nursing and most allied health being at the campus.

As the Georgetown Campus is built, there will be a lot of additional room in the Manufacturing Building created. We need to plan what would be the best use of that space. Nursing / Allied Health and supporting classes was the main idea that was discussed.

The possibility of Leestown being the new "entry" or "gateway" campus was discussed as a possibility, but did not get very much energy.

The programs currently at Leestown, that are not moving to Georgetown (Construction, Surgical Tech (and others)) will not be moving from Leestown.

There does need to be some consideration for remodeling/rennovating at Leestown, and be included as part of our building budget.

To explore all possibilities, the idea of building a new building at Leestown was discussed, but there are really no good places to site a building, and the needed additional parking, on the existing campus.

Do we want Leestown to be a Health Campus (that also houses Construction (and others?)). So that students will come to Leestown and be able to finish their nursing or most allied health tracks, after getting their prerequisites finished at Newtown?

Other ideas

The cost of renting/leasing classroom space similar to the old Regency Road would not be cost effective. While we don't have enough space at Newtown to vacate Cooper with one more building, we have enough space on Lexington campuses to hold classes. Overflow from Newtown could go to Leestown, for example.

With any building, we also need to budget money for cost of architects, infrastructure, and parking.

As part of the process, we need to not only plan what will be coming / moving to Cooper, but what will be happening on Cooper in the spaces emptied out.

Whatever we do, we don't want to jerk students around. We don't want them to have to take classes at Cooper one semester, Newtown the next, and Leestown the third, and then back to Newtown.

We can make traditional, discussion classroom space go further by discovering where hybrid classes work best. Some content might be well-suited to meeting face-to-face once per week, and continuing the discussion online. We need to do more exploration in these areas.

In this meeting, we did not have input on student services needs. Growth at Newtown will mean that we need to determine space needs for admissions, financial aid, advising, testing, activities, etc.

The Laundry building might be used as a one-stop with student services functions, or perhaps it would be better as a student center with cafeteria, bookstore, lounge.

The third building, as we move completely off Cooper, will need to give adequate space to tutoring, library, counseling, career development and everything else that is currently serviced from Cooper.

The take away from the meeting is that we will definitely be moving off Cooper. We cannot do it with one more building at Newtown, and we need to plan appropriately so we can move off with the second and third buildings built at Newtown.

Next Steps:

Rob Knight began to talk in round numbers about what the process would look like. If we have \$24 million for the second building, \$6 million or so goes to the design process / architectural planning / additional parking lot and any sewer/water/electric infrastructure that needs to be put in place. That leaves \$18 million. If we build a lot of science labs, that will mean a much smaller building than if we build no science labs. If we take some money from that fund to make some remodeling/rennovation at Leestown happen, then we will have less money to build with.

The first phase of planning looks a lot like the meeting today: deciding what the building needs to do. What is the building's purpose or program? At this first phase we can imagine all the things we would like to have in the building.

The architects then, through a series of meetings, narrow that down. The costs of various options are discussed, and we get to a final agreement as to what the purpose of the building is.

Then the architects go and begin the process of deciding exactly how large each room should be, etc.

I don't think I captured this process exactly, Rob Knight would be able to give you the more correct version.

Rob Knight also said that he works with several other people: Lisa Bell, Ken Marks from Systems Office, a few independent architects, and several people from the finance committee to determine the architects that we will be working with.