

**Community – Campus Task Force Meeting**  
**University of the District of Columbia**  
Van Ness Campus, Bldg. 44, Rm. A-03  
Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes**

**Task Force Members:**

Shirley Adelstein, ANC 3F02  
Theresa Cameron, Van Ness Main Street  
David Dickinson, ANC3F  
William Latham, UDC, Student Affairs  
MaryAnn Miller, Community Resident  
Michelle Pourciau, UDC, External Affairs

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

The committee members and guests made brief introductions.

**II. Housing/Zoning Updates**

UDC Student Housing updates were reported. Housing is at 94% occupancy for both buildings.

3003 Van Ness

Current units:	26 (22 students, 4 staff)
Number of students:	88
Number of staff:	4

AVA Van Ness

Current units:	10 (10 students, 2 staff)
Number of students:	55
Number of staff:	2

There have been nine incident violations reported through the hotline. Most of the incident reports have been noise violations; two were metro disturbances and one firing of a weapon. Two students were suspended and one withdrew from the University. The University has an open admissions policy and does not require students to take criminal background checks. After the incident involving shots from a weapon, a meeting was held to educate students on proper behavior in housing. Juanita will provide an updated written report of violations and disturbances to the Committee.

Student enrollment at the flagship campus is 2,705. Of this total, 1,228 are males, 1,429 are females and 48 are unknown. One thousand four hundred thirteen students (1,413) are District of Columbia residents, 317 reside in the District of Columbia metropolitan area and 975 are non-residents. Implementation of the Student Development and Success retention program and DC UP Scholarship

program has stabilized University enrollment. An article in The Washington Business Journal on the DC UP Scholarship program will be placed on the Community-Campus Task Force page.

David Dickinson read and discussed sections from the mission statement he drafted for the Task Force. The Task Force was initially established to comply with the District of Columbia's Zoning Commission Order. The Committee is revisiting the Task Force's mission and the composition. Theresa Cameron, representing Van Ness Main Streets was voted to serve as a member at the previous meeting. The Committee will consider appointing new members to replace those who have not been attending.

MaryAnn Miller announced that art designed by UDC students will be on sale in the UDC Art Gallery on Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m. The 150 framed pieces will sell for \$20 each. The Art Gallery is located in Bldg. 42-Rm. A-12.

### **III. 2018 Budget Scenarios**

Thomas Redmond gave an overview of the University's budget process and timeline. The process begins with a review of agency budget submissions by the Executive Office of the Mayor and/or Office of the City Administrator, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and District agencies under the Mayor's authority. The budget process begins in July.

The University begins preparing its budget submissions in July of the prior budget year. The fiscal year begins October 1 and ends September 30. In early October, the Executive branch provides each agency with a target budget number for the upcoming fiscal year (MARC). Then meetings are held to review the budget submissions from the agencies and the University for the given fiscal year, and to consider all information needed to recommend to the Mayor a proposed budget for the University and other agencies. Finally, the Mayor submits the proposed budget including the University submission to the City Council by a specified date generated by the Council (March 23rd per "Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Submission Requirements Resolution of 2016").

UDC Chief Operations Officer, Troy LeMaile-Stovall, shared a PowerPoint presentation outlining the framework for developing the University's budget. Four budget scenarios are developed for the fiscal year—one building upon the other. The budget scenarios include funding from tuition & fees; federal, local and private grants; and contracts and appropriated funds. The University also has a capital budget. Funds for reconstruction of Backus will be spent from the capital budget. The Backus site is under consideration for relocation of the Community College. The heating and cooling system at the Van Ness Campus needs major repairs. The University plans to request funding over a six-year period to assist with the reconstruction of the heating and cooling system.

More community collaboration is needed to increase support for the University. The University needs an advocacy strategy that includes the community residents, Van Ness Main Street, neighborhood associations and partnering with ANC leaders. Testimonies at the Council of the

District of Columbia hearings, students speaking at ANC meetings in each Ward and ANC leaders buy-in were a few strategies recommended. A link will be provided for the Task's Force viewing of the University's recently published FactBook.

#### **IV. 4250 Connecticut Avenue**

Bernstein Corporation purchased the building at 4250 Connecticut Avenue. The University is attempting to negotiate with Bernstein a master lease to convert the building to serve as student apartments. A team from the University that includes William Latham and Juanita Gray is working on a design for the building.

#### **V. Upcoming University Events/Communications**

Michelle Pourciau is working on improving access to the University calendar, which will allow external subscribing.

#### **VI. Other Business**

A very nice thank you card was received from Murch Elementary School students. The agreement for use of specific University facilities is working; however, there are concerns regarding access to the racquetball court. UDC continues to work to balance the use of the campus.

The Wellness Center is presently accommodating over 100 persons including the Gerontology Institute program. Space is still being defined in the facility. It is not open for public enrollment or walk-ins.

There are no reported issues regarding the Cleveland Park Library.

The Committee will be polled for feedback on presentations from guest speakers.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2017.