September 10, 2014

Dear Campus Community,

The Campus Master Plan Update Report was completed in April 2013, and a number of projects in the central part of our campus are in various stages of planning or under construction. Part of the northern portion of the campus, which includes the area encompassed by the boundaries of North Manhattan Ave on the east, Claflin on the south, College Avenue on the west, and north of Kimball Avenue to include the KSU Foundation property, also has several construction projects in the planning stage or already underway. This area has recently been designated as the North Campus Corridor, and we have been working with the City of Manhattan, the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce and the KSU Institute for Commercialization, on issues related to both infrastructure and commercial development that would be synergistic with construction projects envisioned or planned for the North Campus Corridor.

In late spring of 2014, President Schulz appointed the North Campus Corridor Master Plan Task Force and charged this group to work with an outside consultant to integrate the existing master plans for various units at the university and affiliated organizations to ensure cohesiveness across all of the plans within or bordering the North Campus Corridor. These plans include those from Kansas State University, the College of Agriculture, the College of Veterinary Medicine, Housing and Dining, KSU Foundation, and K-State Athletics.

The members and affiliations of the task force are:
- Ruth Dyer, Office of Provost and Chair of the task force
- Barbara Anderson, FSCOUP Chair
- Frank Blecha, College of Veterinary Medicine
- John Floros, College of Agriculture
- Derek Jackson, Housing and Dining
- Reagan Kays, Student Government Association
- Greg Lohrentz, KSU Foundation
- Sue Peterson, Office of the President
- Stephanie Rolley, College of Architecture, Planning and Design
- Ryan Swanson, Division of Facilities
- Ron Trewyn, K-State NBAF Liaison
- Laird Veatch, K-State Athletics

Resource individuals for the task force include:
- Lyle Butler, Manhattan Chamber of Commerce
- Jason Hilgers, City of Manhattan
- Rebecca Robinson, KSU Institute for Commercialization

The task force developed a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a planning consultant to assist with the North Campus Corridor Master Plan project, and the RFQ was posted in July. Four firms were selected for on-campus presentations on Thursday, September 11, and these presentations are open to the campus community. Once the consultant is selected, we will provide updates to the campus on our progress.

Sincerely,

Ruth A. Dyer
Chair, North Campus Corridor Master Plan Task Force