

# INTERVIEWS

On July 29, 2004, an all-day interview session was held on Northwest Campus with Faculty, Staff, Students, Administration, and the Community to get input with regard to the campus Master Plan. The Planning Team asked the college what were the likes, dislikes, what should be changed, what should not be changed, and how the campus could be better. Faculty, Staff and Administrators were asked how could the campus be improved to allow them to best perform their jobs, and students were asked how the campus could be improved to enhance their learning environment. All of the meetings were well attended, and people appreciated the ability to be heard and give their input. There was much interest in the master plan and future developments at the college. A list of the meetings that took place is as follows:

DATE	TIME	MEETING	LOCATION	# OF ATTENDEES
7-13-04	8 a.m - noon	Physical Plant	Physical Plant	6
7-20-04	8 - 9:30 a.m.	Phys. Plant/Police	Physical Plant	13
7-29-04	8 - 10 a.m.	Students	Optimum Room	21
7-29-04	10:15 - 12:15	Administration	Optimum Room	15
7-29-04	12:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Faculty	Optimum Room	24
7-29-04	2:45 - 4:45 p.m.	Support Staff	Optimum Room	26
7-29-04	5 - 7 p.m.	Community	Optimum Room	16

During these interview sessions, numerous issues and needs were discussed including signage, circulation, traffic, security, parking, space needs, inefficient buildings, landscaping, student services, gathering places, classroom needs, outdoor spaces, life safety issues, etc. Below is a summary of the most notable issue/needs for the Northwest Campus:

### PARKING/TRAFFIC/CIRCULATION

1. Traffic signal and additional turn lanes are needed at the intersection of College Drive and Marine Creek Parkway.
2. Stop sign or speed control needed at Northwest College Dr. and Marine Creek Parkway; blind spot around corner, hard to enter or exit campus safely.
3. Additional entrance to campus from Loop 820 service road running near the lake into the South parking lot.
4. Better parking lot signage, striping, crosswalks, and lighting; covered drop-off areas.
5. More parking at Fire Service Training Center.
6. Poor circulation of trucks around Physical Plant area.

### BUILDINGS/SPACES

1. Major shortage of Chemistry and Biology Lab space.
2. The Library needs more space for stacks, study areas, group study areas, more computers, and have later hours.
3. Sound transmission problems in classrooms and labs.
4. Large meeting rooms off cafeteria are heavily utilized but only have two rest-rooms.
5. Cafeteria serves as meeting room, student union, and hallway – inadequate to serve these functions properly.
6. More classrooms, lecture rooms, and labs are needed. There are not enough classrooms to adequately meet enrollment.
7. Much larger Testing Center is needed.
8. If the Aviation program moves to Alliance Airport, there will be space freed up for use by other departments.
9. Physical education facilities need to expand with more classrooms, a front desk checkout near the entry, updated weight rooms, and services offered year-round.
10. Severe lack of storage space; especially for departments, Horticulture Department, lockers for students, A/V equipment, event set-ups, janitorial equipment, and textbooks.
11. More space is needed for: student gathering areas; meeting rooms; College for Kids program; break-out rooms; office space for faculty and adjuncts; conference rooms for faculty, adjuncts, and departmental groups; and faculty lounge.
12. More space is needed for the Registrar, Bursar, Counseling, DSS, Testing, Financial Aid, Visitor Information, and Police. These functions need to remain proximate to each other, but the lobby needs remodeling in order to present a good first impression of the campus. Privacy and security concerns need to be addressed.
13. Music and Dance needs a dedicated facility that is larger, and with proper ancillary functions.
14. Distance learning classroom needs to expand.
15. The Bookstore needs to be enlarged and the layout remodeled.
16. Separate Continuing Education/conference facility needed with waiting area and classrooms, general purpose open-space, testing rooms, meeting rooms, kitchen, theater, design room.
17. Larger classrooms and more updated equipment in classrooms. Proper A/V installation in every classroom and larger updated desks, preferably table tops.
18. Gun range – no enclosure, safety concern; no cameras, security concern
19. Physical Plant needs more building space and high bay area, inefficient layout

### GATHERING PLACES/MEETING SPACES

1. More space is needed for group study areas. Currently there is not enough space in the Library, and the Cafeteria is too crowded and noisy. Group study areas should be available in each department, and outdoors.
2. Need multi-purpose meeting rooms with food services, for academic, extra-curricular (student activities/organizations), and community needs.

### LAND ACQUISITION

1. Need buffer zone for Fire Service Training Center; noise from firing range and visual impact from fire training will become impact on growing residential neighborhoods.

# Data Gathering

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### SURVEY OF RESPONSES

In addition to the Interview Sessions, a Questionnaire was available on the Web site for those who were not at the meeting to comment and submit back to the Planning Team. A condensed report of the questions asked and some of the most pertinent answers is located in the Appendix.

