

**Freshman Commons Update  
For November, 2004**

**I. Progress on Fall Goals**

**Intellectual Life:**

Progress in November:

1. Faculty subgroup met on 11/1, student subgroup on 11/8, entire group on 11/15.

**Internal Communications/Marketing:**

1. The committee met on 11/1.

Progress in November: Freshman Commons concept was presented to the following groups:

1. Technology directors (11/1)
2. SGA General Body (11/3)
3. Interhall sponsored Lunch on the Lawn featuring Residential Colleges (11/4)
4. Leadership and Policy Organization (11/3) (Howard Sandler)
5. Special Ed department (11/15) (Howard Sandler)
6. Alumni Extravaganza (11/5)
7. HOD department (11/5) (Howard Sandler)
8. Freshman Leaders Program (11/9) (Tee Tompkins, Kyle Southern)
9. Student Life Town Meeting (11/10) (everyone)
10. McGill residents (11/10) (Quang Bui)
11. University Registrars staff (11/10)
12. Engineering Faculty (11/11) (Howard Sandler)
13. Asian American Students Association (11/14), (Quang Bui)
14. Dinner at Provost Zeppos' house for student leaders (11/14).

The following issues/projects were also addressed:

1. Met with Jonathan Retzlaff, former Faculty-in-Residence at McGill.
2. Met with students Star Wallin and Jenny McGill on LEED certification.
3. Met with Kate Daniels about establishing Writing Center near the Freshman Commons. This center would be open to all undergraduates.
4. Completed 10 minute video featuring current student views on Freshman Commons for use at November BOT meeting and at area Alumni events in the future.
5. Presented Residential Colleges Update to Board of Trust (11/19)
6. Met with Judy Orr about producing brochure on Freshman Commons by Feb '05.

**Finance:**

Progress in November:

B2 Consultants Steven Bronfenbrenner and Elena Bales visited on 11/15-11/17 to gather information required to establish funding model for Freshman Commons.

## Facilities Review:

### Progress in November:

1. New buildings (11/12, 11/29)
2. Gillette (11/4)
3. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. neighborhood issues (11/29)
4. Technology (11/29, 11/30)
5. Dining Center (11/23)

Schedule Changes: The new Dining Center is now scheduled for completion by the Fall of 2006.

### Current Construction Schedule as of 11/12:

	<u>Start</u>	<u>Finish</u>
Site Work/Infrastructure Phase I	4/05	6/05
West and North Phase I	5/05	8/05
Buildings C and E	5/05	7/06
Relocate Dining Center	6/05	8/05
Dining Center	8/05	9/06
West and North Phase II	5/06	8/06
Gillette	5/06	8/07
East and Memorial Phase I	5/06	8/06
East and Memorial Phase II	5/07	8/07
Buildings A,B,D	5/06	7/08

The following issues were also addressed:

1. Met with Cliff Joyner on relocating ROTC to Bill Wilkerson Center (11/16). Move is contingent upon the completion of new Bill Wilkerson Center in the spring of 2005.
2. Met with Steve Smartt on future of on-campus graduate student housing (11/23).

## II. Task Forces

### Program Evaluation Task Force:

The committee met on 11/11.

### Student Government Task Force:

SGA/Interhall presented security proposal for Freshman Commons (11/3).

### Technology Task Force:

The group submitted their current specifications on 11/30 in preparation for final recommendation due in December.