

Stephen F. Austin State University Master Plan | Stakeholder Interviews

December 4 – 6, 2024 | Baker Pattillo Student Center

Meeting Overview & Takeaways

Attendance: Stephen F. Austin State University (President, Vice Presidents, Deans, Faculty, Staff)
Student Government Association (President)
City of Nacogdoches, Texas
Freese & Nichols, Inc. (Prime Consultant)
Facility Programming and Consulting (Subconsultant)
RDG Planning & Design, Inc. (Subconsultant)

Overview: The consulting team spent four days at SFA leading a series of meetings with stakeholder groups across campus to identify space needs and the overall campus vision. The team also kicked off the athletics and recreation portions of the plan with facility tours and a series of focused stakeholder listening sessions. The City of Nacogdoches was also involved in aligning goals with the City’s vision and long-range planning objectives. Meeting sessions ranged from 45 minutes to 1.5 hours at the Baker Pattillo Student Center.

Takeaways: The following key/visionary themes emerged across the stakeholder discussions:
*** This list does not include takeaways from Athletics and Recreation. That will be in a separate document.*

- Create an environment where people are thinking “big & bold” (the Campus Master Plan should also include big ideas)
- Emphasize the student experience to improve retention and increase enrollment
- Lead in the field and studies involving agriculture
- Leverage the university’s unique natural environment and setting
- Instill lumberjack pride in meaningful ways across campus, from horizontal to vertical improvements
- Grow enrollment to 15,000 students (on campus and online)
- Consolidate department locations across campus for efficiency

The following key projects for the consultant team to consider were mentioned at least once across the stakeholder discussions:

- Create socially interactive indoor and outdoor spaces that are connected and walkable
- New/improved student housing
- A One-Stop Shop for prospective and existing students
- A new, improved Welcome Center
- New Police building
- Replace the old Procurement building
- New Engineering building
- New Health building

- Replace Miller Science and Kennedy Auditorium
- Find a new home for Construction Management
- Library renovation
- Bring School of Social Work closer to the rest of campus
- Create a new veterinary program
- Complete renovation of Rusk and Austin, and other legacy buildings to better align student services
- Address campus-wide storage solutions. Needs to be a creative solution
- Address the Stone Fort’s location and condition
- Clear out and remove all small houses to the north of campus
- New culinary facilities
- Improved campus branding, wayfinding and signage
- Student gathering areas, like rethinking the “Surfing Steve” area
- New parking structure(s)
- Partial closure of E. College Street
- Consolidated greenhouse location at Native Plant Center
- Spirit shop on the periphery of campus

Preliminary List of Buildings (Theoretically) under consideration for Demolition

(Based on discussions during campus tours and discussions)

SFA Campus Map Number	Name
2	Agricultural Mechanics Shop
20	Eatery on East
21	Education Annex
25	Forestry Building
26	Forestry Greenhouse
27	Forestry Laboratories
31	Hall 10
32	Hall 14
35	Human Sciences Building North
36	Human Sciences Building South
41	Kennedy Auditorium
52	Military Science Building
53	Miller Science Building
57	North Hall
69	South Hall