

Community Conversations
About Montgomery College's Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

Meeting #3 – Comments, Thoughts, and Feedback From Yellow Sheets

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Note: Each block below are the comments made by one person.

1.	<p>Falcon Hall had had some upgrades lately mechanical, gym floor, and roof? Are these costs reflected in the Falcon Hall fact sheet by MC under deferred maintenance?</p> <p>Do cost estimates by VFA in FY13 FMP reflect these costs? Won't these upgrades be lost if Falcon Hall is demolished in 2 years?</p> <p>Please re-read my comments for meeting 1 & 2 in the TP Community Conversation comments site.</p>
2.	<p>Thank you Dr. Pollard and Mayor Steward ---this has been a good process</p> <p>A closed meeting – at east the 1st of the 2 ---seems like it will be more productive</p>
3.	<p>Falcon Hall is 3 stories the argument about the height was bogus</p> <p>East of the college residential west of the college industrial and railroad tracks</p> <p>Why can't they use Takoma Park or Langley Park swimming pools?</p>
4.	<p>Just as we designate campuses for arts, biosciences, engineering, health sciences, etc. Can we have one campus designated for athletics? All campuses with small gyms? Let's do fund raisers</p> <p>In 2017 STE(A)M is a very important focus. As soon as we can begin building, as quickly as the plan can be completed, should be our priority. There is no argument. "we empower our students to change their lives, and we enrich the life of the community."</p>
5.	<p>I strongly support the College in accomplishing a new science/math building in an expeditious and thoughtful manner.</p> <p>I asked some student if the intended to attend >>>> conversation. The reaction was swift and strong "I went to the last are and the community doesn't care about us, don't care about our education, they just care about being able to use the pool." I find that to be disappointing. While the community comments have suggested here tonight that community members do care. Yet the dominate idea that has emerged suggest the pool is more important to those commenters.</p> <p>I think it is wise that the college moved away from the W1 lot it does not make sense at this time. Further, the refurbishment of labs and classrooms is crucial to the success of our students in the sort term, as well as the replacement of said labs and classrooms as quickly as possible and preached. Thanks.</p> <p>Note: I think Laura Denton(?) (the person who spoke about reviewing community college buildings) might be a very good working group members</p>
6.	<p>Master plan #1 is till the superior plan. It keeps the most space that will be used as it is currently, i.e., it keeps 2 science buildings and a fitness facility (as dilapidated as it is). It does not piss off the neighborhood. (as much). Science North should not be allowed to stand in operation as it is for another decade or more. It seems we need 3 building replaced but can only replace 2. The 2 that should be replaced a.s.a.p. should be SN and SS. Although Falcon Hall is rundown, it could be renovated much more cheaply than tearing down SN to build an entirely new fitness facility. Master plan #1 is the plan that replaces the buildings that most need to be replaced. Thanks. MC employee</p>

7.	<p>Is the College willing to commit to a working group with local community & historic Takoma, as required by 2002 agreement? Seems important to establishing good will.</p> <p>Timeline is ambitious. You may want to think about extending that.</p>
8.	<p>I believe it's possible to come to a plan that keeps the athletic facilities (and renovates the, at least a little) and allows for the building of math & science facilities. Let's continue to work with the mast plan for 2006-2016.</p>
9.	<p>County pool @ Piney Branch Elementary Piney Branch pool</p>
10.	<p>Use existing faculty parking lot as green space instead of adding green space between new buildings Takoma Avenue is quiet. Once on campus the buzz of the air handlers can be heard. The new bldg.. needs the air handlers and chemical lab fans to be away from Takoma Ave.</p> <p>Science N&S are along Fenton. There are no homes across the street. Build your tall bldg.. in the exact spot. From that vantage pint you can't even see the homes or the park at the corner of Fenton & Takoma</p>
11.	<p>I have swam in the pool, water exercise! It is nice, but 80 means more than 4,000 students who need science and mathematics. PHED is College is 19th and 20th century. We do not need more coal miners. Cyber security more mathematics and science we need to continue to love and flourish. There are plenty of polls in the areas. I did not take PHED in college I majored in mathematics and physics? PHED is basically a waste for most people. We need bread not circus! I am blunt and metaphorical. Sincerely, Dr. Harold Alden Williams, Planetarium Director SET adjunct faculty, Physics & Geology Lab Coordinator.</p>
12.	<p>It was unfortunate that the two women authorities, Dr. Pollard and Ms. Stewart, both shard their discomfort/apprehension over chemistry. That fed into the stereotype that girls/women don't like or aren't good at science. It was also giving cover to women/girls (i.e, the theater major) who weren't interested in science or aren't doing well in a science course ("no wonder I got a C/D/E o that test; girls don't do well in science.") We all need to encourage, not discourage, everyone to excel at whatever they undertake. Please share this with them.</p>
13.	<p>You have never addressed the need or cost of the new planetarium and conference center. Why does the college need it?</p>
14.	<p>As a recent grad, I can attest to the decrepit state of SN & SS. I have only stepped in FH once (before I ever started). It was when my older sister graduated. Since then, I've had my own experiences with the bugs, water, and outdated equipment. Just this spring semester, a thunderstorm resulted in the flooding of my classroom. Students had to move in order to prevent their books and book bags from becoming soaked. I appreciate this discussion in helping determine where the new building will be. It will help students learn about and discuss big issues, such as rising sea levels rather than rising puddle levels in the classroom.</p> <p>Keeping FH open does not make it a sustainable building. How we respond to change determines how fast we can respond and implement new and improved facilities.</p>
15.	<p>New math building needed!!!</p>
16.	<p>As a member of the Nursing Dept., the need for a new Science and Math building is urgent. Students continuing studies towards their BSN (based on the recommendation of the Institute of Medicine) are expected to be successful and progressing in their science coursed (chemistry; AP, microbiology) as they are predictors for future success in the profession.</p>
17.	<p>The aversion to losing Falcon Hall's athletic facilities—express at tonight's meeting and last moth's—is</p>

	<p>predicated on the fact that our memories reach into the past, not the future. The Takoma Park campus was around and providing athletic facilities for decades before the other two MC campuses were even in planning stage. Did the residents of Rockville and Germantown complain during those decades of “losing” the opportunity to exercise on a community college campus?</p> <p>If memories could reach into the future, we might justifiably complain about the loss of modern science education spaces throughout this protracted process of replacing aging building. Signed, a part-time faculty member assigned to teach a geoscience course next fall in Falcon Hall.</p>
18.	<p>Use “dynamic governance” (decision by consent, not consensus during next stage of process. Elizabeth Wallace</p>