UAF Master Planning Committee
Thursday, February 20, 2003; 9 – 11
a.m.
Chancellor’s Conference Room;
Signers’ Hall Room 330
1. Welcome and announcements
2.

Deb Brownfield will collect additional comments about the draft recommendation
from Facilities Services and from MPC members. She will bring a new draft to the
MPC meeting for action on March 6.

Discussion about Recommendation from MPC Subcommittee on Circulation and
Parking
The MPC subcommittee on circulation and parking submitted a recommendation
about West Ridge parking and design to the MPC just prior to its February 6
meeting. The MPC recognizes the importance of responding appropriately and in
a timely way to this recommendation.

Discussion about the recommendation focused on those elements that can be
addressed easily within the context of the current master plan and those that
appear to present an alternative to the plan. The chair was instructed to write a
letter to the subcommittee responding to the former.

The latter part of the subcommittee’s recommendation proposes reconsideration
of the master plan’s concept for the WR mall area that calls for removal of parking
there following utilidor construction. Discussion ensued about whether the MPC
should revisit this topic or not, and to what extent the campus master plan is a
‘living document’ that can be changed over time. Concern was expressed that the
subcommittee recommendation was based on an incomplete understanding of
the MPC’s thinking about the mall’s redesign.

In light of this discussion, it was agreed that a joint session involving MPC
members and subcommittee members would be desirable to share information
and ideas about the WR mall concept. The chair was instructed to invite
subcommittee members to the March 6 meeting for this purpose.

Other Business
The chair noted discussions underway with Facilities Services (C. Adamczak) about
hiring a consultant to develop a campus landscaping plan, as envisioned in the
master plan. Funds exist to do so. A small ad hoc committee is under
development to work with FS on this project. Members of the MPC who are
interested in serving on this ad hoc committee are invited to contact the chair
about their interest.

Next Scheduled MPC meeting: March 6, 2003, 9-11am, Signers Hall.