

Southern Miss Gulf Coast Chronology of the USM Cross Creek Master Planning Process

June 13, 2008

Dr. Saunders appoints the Southern Miss Gulf Coast Cross Creek Planning Committee.

June 18, 2008

Initial planning session of the Cross Creek Planning Committee Leadership Team. Leadership Team roles and responsibilities were formalized.

June 27, 2008

Dr. Saunders provides update to Planning Committee describing activity to date.

July 1-2, 2008

Pre-Planning Session. First in-person meeting between Leadership Team and Collaborative. Data gathering meetings with local development commission directors, local planning officials, and regional utilities representatives.

August 15, 2008

Conference call between Leadership Team and Collaborative to review presentation by Dr. Ed Ranck. The presentation provided an update to the College Board Report and new demographic data relative to the Cross Creek Planning process.

August 27-28, 2008

Planning Session 1. First meeting with the entire Planning Committee and the Collaborative. Focus group meetings with local planning professionals and Southern Miss academic and student affairs leadership. Session 1 included an open community forum to allow for community feedback in the planning process.

September 25, 30 and October 1, 2008

Faculty, staff, and student open forums held to offer the university community an update on the progress of the planning process.

October 3, 2008

Web-Ex conference call between Leadership Team, Collaborative, and Development Partners to review preliminary site plans.

October 8-9, 2008

Planning Session 2. Second meeting with entire Planning Committee and the Collaborative. Focus group meetings with Gulf Coast Business Council Executive Committee, regional elected officials, and school superintendents.