

Town & Gown Committee

Chair: Lisa Karlin and Melissa Dixon

Description:

The Town & Gown Committee is dedicated to improving the quality of life in our community by

- Improving communication
- Encouraging collaboration
- Building relationships

for the purpose of planning and problem solving among city and university groups.

Key (Academic Year) Accomplishments

- Approved a new mission statement for the committee
- Select committee members participated in K-State Extension and Research's First Impressions program with Kearney, Nebraska, to provide and receive feedback on impressions about each other's community
- Committee co-chair submitted proposal and was approved to deliver presentation on 9/11 Stair Climb event at 2024 ITGA Conference in College Park, Maryland
- Invited guest presenters to discuss various topics, including Scholarly and Creative Activities Day (SACAD) and the FHSU AI Task Force
- Helped promote the community open house event during SACAD week
- Educated committee members on new campus and community initiatives, including alcoholic beverage sales at FHSU football games, Fentanyl Awareness Town Hall meeting, Common Consumption Area (CCA), Grow Hays Microfactory, Grove Community Center, Forsyth Library renovation, Neighborhood Revitalization Plan expansion, and approval of R9 Ranch water project
- Discussed ideas for possible future projects, including a food security awareness event, bike share program, and public art campaign
- Shared information from ITGA newsletter with committee members

Committee Members:

Collin Bielser
Scott Cason
Melissa Dixon
Lisa Karlin
Edie McCracken
Brett Meyer
Aspen Patrick
Hugo Perez
Julie Rider

Don Scheibler
Carol Solko-Olliff
Kyle Stacken
Anna Towns
Sarah Wasinger
Doug Williams