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Terry:

I have now read the agreement, lease, background info put out by GCID, GCID articles of incorporation and bylaws, and reviewed the pertinent general statutes. It appears to me that A&T and UNCG set out on a course that was from the beginning contrary to the current statutes governing millennial campuses. Clearly, background info on GCID, the articles and bylaws anticipate GCID taking title to the land and buildings and managing the real property of the campus. Yet, Chapter 116, Article 21B, contemplates the handling of real property pursuant to Chapter 146 except for the limited case of disposition by lease of space (only) not exceeding a term of ten years. A transfer of the real property to GCID (by lease or otherwise) would remove the Department of Administration, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and Governor and Council of State from any oversight of real property transactions. While we may have the latitude to do it (the lease), I am certainly uncomfortable with the concept which I believe circumvents the legislative intent.

The formation of and purpose of the GCID raises other questions. As a creation of the two campuses, are its meetings open to the public and are its records subject to the public records law? Should they be? What was the intent of the two trustee boards and what is the desire of the Board of Governors?

Given the appointment/election process for directors of GCID, how much control, if any, do the boards of trustees of the two institutions and the Board of Governors retain over the actions of GCID? It's hard to say who is in charge but my reading of the bylaws indicates the trustees and Board of Governors may have little say over and little knowledge of GCID's actions except with GCID's cooperation.

It seems the cart is before the horse. If the real estate on the millennial campus is to be managed as contemplated by the agreement and lease, the General Assembly should be consulted and the legislation changed to allow it without manipulating or circumventing current statutes. In the interim, we will work with GCID and the campus to efficiently handle all contemplated real estate transactions. We would welcome the opportunity to sit down with GCID and/or any university staff to develop procedures to make the millennial campus transactions move quickly and smoothly through the negotiation and approval process. After all, this office takes some of the credit for "inventing" the centennial campus concept, and we have always enjoyed an excellent working relationship with General Administration and each campus vice-chancellor for business. I believe we can help you get the new millennial campus "off the ground" while you work on the legislation to provide whatever exemption or flexibility you feel you need.

Let me have your thoughts.