

Questions for Dr. Abare:

- Flagler College has grown substantially in enrollment numbers and there will likely be additional growth in the future. You are located in what is essentially a “built out” city.

Have

you considered adding to or changing your business model to include a remote campus that

would help to alleviate some of the pressure in the downtown area and particularly this neighborhood?

Answer: not looking to grow enrollment, looked at shuttle potential and it is too expensive

- With about 3000 individuals associated with the college located in a condensed downtown area,

all competing for parking with visitors, employees in the downtown businesses and with residents, this creates challenges for all. Does the college have plans to build their own parking

garage or provide for alternate parking outside of the downtown area?

Answer: No immediate plans for adding a garage (funding is an issue as donors not anxious to

fund this type of structure),

- Can you tell us of any specific plans for building projects that are being planned now?

Answer: We have a lot of restoration work taking place on the hotel building. It is all very expensive, but needs to be done. We are still not finished with the classroom building so these

are keeping us busy at the moment.

- Many towns with colleges and universities in their downtown have structured committees made

up of representative of affected neighborhoods, students, college administrators/staff and City

Staff to identify and work out solutions for issues that arise. Can we count on your support

when this type of process is initiated in St. Augustine?

Answer: Open to a task force approach that identifies issues and addresses them, but does not

take on a life of it's own. Will work with the City on such an approach. We realize that we have a lot of programs in place that residents may not be aware of and we need to communicate

them.

- While the college can not police all of the activities of their students outside of the campus area,

are there regular communications to students about appropriate decorum and respectful behavior in a residential neighborhood? Is there a handbook or written set of guidelines for

students while off campus? What are the duties of the two City police officers that are paid for

by the college?

Answer: As I mentioned we have a lot of programs in place and the two police officers help to

patrol our campus areas. The City does have some use of them as well.

• In that same vein, you have students from a lot of different places and some may not be aware of local driving and parking regulations. The yellow curbs seem to be an invitation to some to park their cars. Do you provide any information about this to your students on an ongoing basis?

Answer: Unfortunately, it is not a question of not knowing, but just not paying attention to the rules in some situations. If they are running late to class, any place looks OK to park. We will take action if provided with identifying information.

• Can you speak to your plans for the Young Life Building on Valencia? We were told of some plans to renovate that building but have not seen anything begin.

Answer: We have a long list of projects that need to be completed and only so many dollars to allocate. Everything on the list is prioritized. This building is on the list, but not at the top.

• Has the college considered offering adult education courses?

Answer: Not really cost effective with St. Johns River State College campus at St. Augustine and

• Finally, What accomplishments of your time as President give you the most personal pleasure or pride? Do you have any regrets or things you might have done differently?

Answer: Dr. Abare spoke at the beginning of his talk and listed a great many things:

1. buildings and restoration work and awards
2. sports teams accomplishments
3. Enactus
4. the Administrator program for City Employees
5. the Tallahassee campus
6. the programs they sponsor such as the forums
7. majors they have added