

Planner to unite campus with city

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In a first for Youngstown, the city and YSU will share an employee as part of a joint effort to make citywide improvements.

In a deal announced last week by University President Dr. David Sweet, Hunter Morrison — hired in February to help oversee YSU's master plan — also will assist city officials with their own planning process.

"It's the first time that YSU and Youngstown have worked together to coordinate planning activities," said John Habat, special assistant to the president. "One can compliment the other."

In an ordinance passed Feb. 20, City Council approved the deal, agreeing to spend up to \$25,000 toward Morrison's part-time salary. Habat said he expected the city to reimburse the university half of Morrison's \$44,000 annual salary.

Morrison, who has more than 20 years of experience with the Cleveland City Planning Department, will work two days a week, one for YSU and one for the city.

"He will look at the whole facility, such as recreational areas ... all the things that make up a campus," Habat said.

Habat also said Morrison will work closely with John Hyden, director, Facilities. Hyden said Morrison's experience would be beneficial to both the university and Youngstown.

"I think he's going to be very valuable to the master planning process," Hyden said. "He brings a wealth of experience in urban planning. We really need that expertise."

Both the city and university have separate master plans, Hyden said, adding that the agreement with the city allows for YSU to take a more

