UO Campus Physical Framework Vision Project
Campus Planning
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Project Goal:

To create a comprehensive physical framework vision of open spaces and buildings, which will bring greater specificity to the Campus Plan, better inform decisions on how to accommodate growth and change, and preserve the beauty and functionality of the campus.

What is the Campus Plan?
The 2005 Campus Plan (3rd edition, 2014) provides the policies and patterns that define the type and extent of future campus development so that such development is “responsive to the needs of the occupants, adaptable to emerging opportunities, and beautiful to behold.” The Campus Plan establishes processes to protect, enhance, and extend the essential character-defining elements of the campus while allowing for a range of possible future space needs. It contains 12 policies that apply to all campus construction projects.

What is the Physical Framework Vision Project?
The Framework Vision Project (FVP) will fulfill the above-stated project goals in a document supplementing the Campus Plan. The project evaluates the open-space framework, indicates where uses should occur, considers design areas and/or use zones and densities within campus, specifies the placement of future buildings relative to open-space areas, and suggests further improvement of open spaces and open-space components.

Recommendations from the FVP will result in updates to the Campus Plan.
What has happened so far and where is the project now?

The project’s consultants and advisory group developed principles and value statements to guide the project, and identified broad themes that relate to the campus’s physical environment. The project team analyzed campus plans, policies, documents and existing systems, and conducted on- and off-campus outreach to inform the planning process.

Throughout the 2015 spring and summer terms the team developed a preliminary landscape framework proposal, evaluated future space needs and potential building areas to meet future academic and research needs, and drafted recommendations for potential projects and revisions to the Campus Plan.

In fall 2015, the project team consulted with project advisory groups and the campus community on proposed elements of the campus landscape framework; permissible building sites, heights and uses; design areas; and focus studies.

The team is currently working on a draft of the final report, to be completed in March 2016.

Who is leading the project?

An appointed 14-member Advisory Group provides guidance to the UO Campus Physical Framework Vision Project, along with input from other advisory groups such as the Campus Planning Committee and the Space Advisory Group. UO Campus Planning staff manages the project and professional consultants executing the FVP work program. Nationally regarded campus planner and landscape architect Robert Sabbatini, AICP FASLA lead the project consulting team comprised of landscape architects, designers, architects, and campus planners from PLACE studio and Perkins+Will.

How can I be involved and get more information?

UO Campus Planning staff hosted two open houses in February 2015 and three in November 2015 to give information about the FVP and solicit feedback from the wider campus community. Planning staff also developed the interactive MyCampus survey that helped the project evaluate existing conditions and opinions about special places on campus, areas that need work, and how people move about the campus. MyCampus Survey results are posted on the Framework Vision project website along with the most recent presentation materials generated by the consultant team.

For additional information visit the Framework Vision Project website at: http://uplan.uoregon.edu/UOFrameworkVisionProj/UFVP.htm. If you have further questions, please contact University of Oregon Campus Planning staff: Christine Thompson at cthomps@uoregon.edu or Eleni Tsivitzi at eleni@uoregon.edu.