MEMORANDUM

To: Scott Coltrane, Interim University President
   Robert Kyr, University Senate President

From: Carole Daly, Chair 2013-2014 Campus Planning Committee

Subject: 2013-2014 Campus Planning Committee Annual Report

On behalf of the Campus Planning Committee, I am sending you a copy of the 2013-2014 Campus Planning Committee’s Annual Report. In the course of this past year, the Campus Planning Committee has accomplished a significant amount of work, as described in the attached report.

I have recently retired from the University of Oregon so please contact Christine Thompson in Campus Planning, Design & Construction (x5572) if you have any questions.

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Meetings and Activities

Since fall 2013, the Campus Planning Committee (CPC) and its two subcommittees have held twelve meetings and forwarded eleven recommendations to Administration. The committee reviewed numerous designs for campus development projects including the Erb Memorial Union Expansion and Renovation Project, the Allan Price Science Commons & Research Library Remodel & Addition Project, the University Housing Central Kitchen and Woodshop Project and a number of smaller capital improvement projects. In addition, it acted on Campus Plan amendments to expand the campus open-space framework and to update the Oregon Model for Sustainable Development.
CPC members participated in the architect selection process for development projects that were initiated this past year and served on numerous project user groups. Staff educated the committee about its role in the campus development process and provided relevant background materials to enable well-informed decisions about a wide range of complex campus planning and development issues.

Summary of Action Taken:

11/06/13 CPC Agenda: Campus Planning Committee Orientation
Action: No formal action requested.
Approved: NA
Status: The committee’s comments will be considered as future committee work items are identified and discussed and when future projects are reviewed.

11/18/13 CPC Agenda: Tykson “Luna” Sculpture
Action: The committee agreed unanimously that the proposed site for the Tykeson “Luna” Sculpture is consistent with the Campus Plan and recommended to the president that it be approved subject to the following conditions:
1. Recommend that the artist work with CPRE staff, Campus Operations staff, and Jill Hartz from JSMA to consider ways to engage Straub Green when determining the specific orientation.
2. Recommend that the artist work with CPRE staff, Campus Operations staff, and Jill Hartz from JSMA to consider other locations within the plaza that might better engage Straub Green and give more prominence to the sculpture. This is with the understanding that circulation routes would not be impaired and other CPC conditions are addressed.
3. Provide space to walk around the sculpture to the greatest degree possible without interfering with pedestrian circulation routes and ADA standards.
4. Ensure that all ADA requirements are met. In particular, ensure that the base (size and shape) and sculpture placement are carefully designed to meet ADA requirements.

Approved: Jamie Moffitt
Status: The project will move forward and address the committee’s conditions of approval.

Agenda: Erb Memorial Union Expansion and Renovation Project – Schematic Design Follow Up
Action: The committee agreed unanimously to recommend to the president that the Schematic Design for the Erb Memorial Union Expansion and Renovation Project Follow Up Items be approved subject to the following conditions:
1. Establish a pedestrian connection between Straub Green and the EMU Green by replacing the remnant section of Onyx Street asphalt with pedestrian-friendly design elements, if at all possible.
2. Incorporate design elements to reinforce pedestrian connections across 13th Avenue (as recently discussed during Meeting One for the Allan Price Science Commons and Research Library Project), if at all possible.
3. Relocate the 13th Avenue turn-around further east to establish a pedestrian and bike zone, if at all possible. If it is not possible to incorporate this improvement into the EMU’s Project scope, direct the CPC chair to work with staff to forward a request for UO Central Administration support.

Approved: Jamie Moffitt
Status: The project will move forward and address the committee’s conditions of approval.

12/12/13 CPC

Agenda: Invention Greenhouse Project – Meeting One
Action: The committee unanimously agreed to recommend to the president the following actions related to the Invention Greenhouse Project:

A. Support the identified Campus Plan patterns and policies for the project and the identified potential opportunities to address campus-wide needs with the understanding that the following comments will be considered as the project moves forward:
   1. Reassess the potential to integrate the project into an existing building or to combine the proposal with another project to take advantage of the site’s larger-scale development potential. While unlikely, this is the preferred option.
   2. Carefully consider ways to anticipate the long-term potential development of the site and the adjacent area. The preferred method would be to intentionally design the building with expansion in mind; design it as “phase one” of a larger development project. Another option would be to make program and building movable.
   3. Consider how to take advantage of long-term open-space opportunities when siting the building. For example, locate the structure on one edge of the lot, preferably the Franklin edge.

B. Approve the preferred site with the understanding that the comments listed in the action item above will be considered as the project moves forward.

C. Support the identified user group representation for the project with the understanding that a student representative will be added to the user group.

Approved: Jamie Moffitt
Status: The design process will move forward and address the committee’s conditions of approval.

Agenda: Native American Tribes of Oregon Flagpole Project – Site and Schematic Design
Action: The committee agreed unanimously that the proposed site and schematic design for the Native American Tribes of Oregon
Flagpole Project are consistent with the Campus Plan and recommended to the president that it be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Be sure to explain the meaning of the flags and their layout through the use of plaques and possibly an interior display panel. Be sure they do not impede circulation or interfere with the existing activities (refer to member comments from the meeting).

2. Carefully design the concrete footings for the poles located in pedestrian walkways to ensure that visually impaired pedestrians are adequately warned.

3. Adjust the location of the three poles located in the plaza/pedestrian walkways (Siletz, Grande Ronde, and Coquille tribes) to ensure they do not interfere with the heavy pedestrian/bike circulation and the wide variety of existing uses in this area.

4. Shift the location of the Klamath flag so it reads more as a part of the nine tribe flags instead of part of the main EMU entry. For example, move the flag lower in the adjacent planting area to still convey the geographic connection, yet ensure that it does not look like an entry flag to the EMU.

Approved: Jamie Moffitt
Status: The project will move forward and address the committee’s conditions of approval.

02/03/14 DR Agenda: Classroom Expansion Project at Straub and Earl Halls – Mechanical Penthouse Schematic Design
Action: The committee agreed unanimously that the proposed schematic design for the mechanical penthouse is consistent with the Campus Plan and recommended to the president that it be approved.
Approved: Jamie Moffitt
Status: The project will move forward.

03/04/14 CPC Agenda: Central Kitchen and Woodshop Project – Check In
Action: No formal action was requested. The committee provided comments.
Approved: NA
Status: The project will move forward and address the committee’s comments.

Agenda: Campus Plan Amendments to Policy 10: Sustainable Development, Oregon Model for Sustainable Development—Initial Discussion
Action: No formal action was requested. The committee provided comments.
Approved: NA
Status: The committee’s comments will be taken into consideration as the amendments are refined and move forward for further review.
04/17/14 CPC  
**Agenda:** Allan Price Science Commons & Research Library Remodel & Addition Project – Check In

**Action:** No formal action was requested. The committee provided comments.

**Approved:** NA

**Status:** The project will move forward and address the committee’s comments.

**Agenda:** Proposed Changes to the Campus Planning Committee – Follow-up Review

**Action:** No formal action was requested.

**Approved:** NA

**Status:** The chair asked Michael Fifield to come back to the CPC with an update.

04/21/14 DPIT  
**Agenda:** Bike “Totem” Counter – Schematic Design and Siting

**Action:** The subcommittee agreed unanimously that the proposed schematic design and siting of the Bike “Totem” Counter are consistent with the Campus Plan and recommended to the president that they be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Approval is granted for a trial period of three years, after which it will be subject to subcommittee review to assess its effectiveness.
2. Consult with Smoke/Tobacco Free Campus representatives and Campus Operations Exterior Team staff to ensure that the new location of the “Smoke/Tobacco Free Campus” sign is acceptable.
3. Consider adding text to the sign to clarify that counts represent a single location. Also, consider identifying the percentage of total bikes trips this location represents.
4. Work with CPDC and Campus Operations staff to ensure that the electrical cabinet has minimal visual impact.
5. Look into ways to link the bike counter to the educational mission of the university. For example, use the data to study behavior change.

Furthermore, the subcommittee agreed unanimously to recommend to the president that the university develop a general standard for all exterior digital signs on campus.

**Approved:** Jamie Moffitt

**Status:** The project will move forward and address the committee’s conditions of approval.

**Agenda:** Campus Plan Amendments to Policy 10: Sustainable Development, Oregon Model for Sustainable Development—Follow-up Discussion

**Action:** No formal action was requested. The subcommittee provided comments.

**Approved:** NA

**Status:** The subcommittee’s comments will be considered as the amendment process moves forward.
05/08/14 CPC

Agenda: *Campus Plan Amendments to Policy 10: Sustainable Development, Oregon Model for Sustainable Development—Follow-up Discussion*

Action: No formal action was requested. The committee provided comments.

Approved: NA

Status: The committee’s comments will be considered as the amendment process moves forward.

05/13/14 CPC

Agenda: *Campus Plan Amendments: Open-space Framework Expansion related to the Erb Memorial Union (EMU) Expansion and Renovation Project—Initial Discussion*

Action: No formal action was requested. The committee provided comments.

Approved: NA

Status: The committee’s comments will be considered as the amendment process moves forward.

05/22/14 CPC

Agenda: *Campus Plan Amendments to Policy 10: Sustainable Development, Oregon Model for Sustainable Development—Continued Discussion and Action*

Action: The committee agreed—with ten in favor, one opposed, and one abstention—to recommend to the president that the Campus Plan Amendments to Policy 10: Sustainable Development, Oregon Model for Sustainable Development be approved.

Approved: Jamie Moffitt

Status: The Campus Plan will be amended.
Agenda: Other Items from the Committee - General Discussion about Campus Planning (Note: this was added to the agenda as an informal discussion item.)

Action: The committee tabled the member’s motion to provide an opportunity to further develop the specific language.

Approved: NA

Status: Specific language for the motion will be developed.

05/29/14 CPC

Agenda: Campus Plan Amendments: Open-space Framework Expansion related to the Erb Memorial Union (EMU) Expansion and Renovation Project — Public Hearing and Action

Action: The committee agreed unanimously to recommend to the president that the Campus Plan Amendments to Open-space Framework Expansion related to the Erb Memorial Union (EMU) Expansion and Renovation Project be approved.

Also, the committee agreed unanimously to recommend to the president that the Campus Planning Committee initiate an amendment process to assess the designation of a larger open space in the EMU area, in particular, the area between the new EMU Green and 13th Avenue. The committee’s comments will be considered as the amendment process moves forward.

Approved: Jamie Moffitt

Status: The Campus Plan will be amended. The proposal to initiate an amendment process to assess the designation of a larger open space in the EMU area will be considered.

Agenda: Campus Planning – Follow up discussion and action

Action: The committee unanimously voted in favor to recommend to the president that he initiate a process to prepare a Campus Vision for the University of Oregon that is in concert with the Campus Plan. This Campus Vision would:

- Include UO-owned property north of the river, the Riverfront, East Campus and all adjacent landscapes.

- Address the piecemeal growth of individual projects by considering their contextual landscape relationship within the open space structure of the campus and beyond.

- Engage the passive and active recreational needs of a future campus bounded by the edges of our physical landscape infrastructural framework.

- Integrate academic planning with the physical planning of places, pathways, buildings, gardens, parks, athletic fields, pastoral recreational open spaces, roads and service systems, etc. while simultaneously embracing our unique and enduring Oregon landscape legacy.

- Ensure that the Campus Planning Committee has appropriate input into approves the process for development of the plan.

[Revised to reflect Approved version]
Approved: Jamie Moffitt with one qualification. Revise the final sentence to read as follows: Ensure that the Campus Planning Committee has appropriate input into the process for development of the plan.

Status: The proposed action will move forward.

06/10/14 CPC Agenda: Allan Price Science Commons & Research Library Remodel & Addition Project – Schematic Design
Action: The committee agreed unanimously to recommend to the president that the Schematic Design for the Allan Price Science Commons & Research Library Remodel & Addition Project be approved subject to the following conditions:
1. Include the curved plaza planters in the project.
2. Ensure the lower landscape courtyard design and plantings are maintainable. Consult with Campus Operations Exterior Team staff as the design is refined.
3. Consider incorporating a finished cap on the plaza planter to better relate to the greater campus character.
4. Carefully consider ways to deter skateboarders as the landscape design is refined.
5. Assess ways to better relate the plaza’s landscape design to the courtyard design. For example, consider ways to integrate the curved shape of the planters into the courtyard design.
6. Refine the exterior shading devices design and bring it back for Design Review Subcommittee for review.
7. Refine the landscape design, taking committee comments into consideration, and bring it back for Design Review Subcommittee review.

Approved: Jamie Moffitt
Status: The project will move forward and address the committee’s conditions of approval.

Agenda: University Housing Central Kitchen and Woodshop Project – Schematic Design
Action: The committee agreed, with six in favor, one against, and two abstentions, to recommend to the president that the schematic design for the University Housing Central Kitchen and Woodshop Project be approved subject to the following conditions:
1. Look for ways to decrease the cluttered and unappealing appearance of the numerous rooftop HVAC units. For example, improve shielding and better integrate them into the overall building design.
2. Work diligently to ensure trucks follow the expected path of travel. The goal is to guide trucks back to Agate Street via 17th Avenue versus through the adjacent single-family neighborhood.

Approved: Jamie Moffitt
Status: The project will move forward and address the committee’s conditions of approval.