

Campus Facility Master Plan Update

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As part of the Campus Facility Master Plan process, the consultants will once again provide several open public forums on the campus master plan that is currently underway. This is an opportunity for the campus community to stop by and check the progress of the master planning efforts, ask questions and provide feedback. The consultants are eager to hear your thoughts on what you feel are necessary changes to the physical aspects of the campus. Upcoming sessions to be held are:

Tuesday, May 6th

- 12:00pm – 1:00pm, Yellowjacket Union 203
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm, Yellowjacket Union 203
- 6:30pm – 8:00pm, MWC lobby

Please make an effort to attend one of these upcoming open forums and learn more about the Campus Facility Master Plan.

As a recap, the Master Plan will encompass several distinct planning components, some of which were not addressed by the previous Master Plan, completed in 1999:

Space Needs Assessment with recommendations for Space Use Policies.

- Perform analysis of academic and academic support space needs based on registration data, enrollment trends, faculty and staffing projections, the academic plan, evolving technology needs in the current space and changes in program delivery including significant increases in on-line degree programs. Provide space recommendations based on these data and on national peer benchmarks.
- Perform analysis of administrative and student support space needs based on staffing projections, organizational projections, technology needs, and program delivery. Provide space recommendations based on national peer benchmarks and best practices.
- Perform analysis of athletic and recreational needs based on enrollment trends, strategic directions and program delivery. Provide space recommendations based on national peer benchmarks.
- Provide recommendations for space use and allocation policy improvements.

Campus Master Plan Update addressing:

- Image and Identity.
- Access and Circulation (Pedestrian and Vehicular).
 - Retain/strengthen the strong tradition of internal pedestrian corridors connecting the core academic buildings.
 - Retain/strengthen the functional separation of vehicular traffic on the inner and outer loop roads.
- Parking.
- Open Space, Recreation and Athletic Fields.
- Land Use Zones and Building Opportunity Sites.
- Utility Planning.

Landscape Improvement Plan addressing open space landscape zones, gateways and campus perimeter treatments, way-finding signage and other site amenities.

- Assure retention of the existing campus character and strengthen campus identity.
- Preserve important existing environmental assets.
- Incorporation of the Residence Life Master Plan.
- Phased Implementation Plan.
- Site and Architectural Design Guidelines.