Overview

In July, the Auburn University Facilities Management Master Planning Team conducted a number of informational sessions with campus faculty and staff and with members of the City of Auburn Planning Department. Discussion topics included land use, a newly formed governance structure for master plan update issues; master plan core values, guiding principles, and goals; landscape master plan; and citing discussions for capital projects, the central classroom facility, and a campus health science sector.

During the Master Plan Update meeting, participants were asked to review the 2002 and 2007 University core values and to provide input for incorporation of any new ideas into the 2012 master plan update. Core values include the Village Concept, Compact Land Use Pattern, Environment, Circulation and Pedestrianization, Landscape, Parking, and Community Interface, Architectural Design, Infrastructure, and Planning Process. Participants have been asked to submit their comments on or before September 1 to Jeffrey Dumars at jkd0006@auburn.edu.

Citing options for capital projects, the central classroom facility (CCF), and a campus health science sector are under discussion. A Program Requirements committee is helping to guide the project development and design of the CCF and is working with a number of campus groups to determine not only possible locations of the facility but also the program requirements, the types of instructional space to be built, the instructional technology required, and the allocation of space within the facility.
A governance structure was recently adopted for the Comprehensive Master Plan Update. The governance structure is designed to foster collaborative actions, build consensus, and provide an avenue for the Auburn family to openly voice their concerns and opinions about campus master plan issues.

A number of master plan issues will be presented via upcoming open forums, online surveys, scheduled meetings with campus organizations and with a number of Colleges, Schools, and departmental units. Collectively, these issues will flow through the Facilities Management Master Planning Team, comprised of members from the University Architect’s office, the Assistant Vice President of Facilities, and the Campus Planning and Space Management staff. Issues will also be vetted through the University Master Plan Committee with member representation from the Provost’s Office, Office of Sustainability, College of Architecture, Design, and Construction, Horticulture Department, College of Engineering, Community Planning, CADC, and the Administrative and Professional Assembly. An 18-member ad-hoc team was appointed to the University Master Plan Committee with its members representing Athletics, Student Affairs, Student Government Association, University Senate, Staff Council, Graduate School Council, ACES, Diversity/Multicultural Affairs, Auxiliary Services, AAES, AU Alumni Association, and the City of Auburn.

After issues have been discussed and collective decisions have been made by the Facilities Management Master Planning Team, the Executive Facilities Committee will have an opportunity to either seek additional information and ask for more options or to carry the issue forward and seek the endorsement of the President who, in turn, will be asked to present ideas before the Board of Trustees.

Members of the Executive Facilities Committee may be found at this web address: http://www.auburn.edu/administration/president/univcomm/zexecutive-Facilities.html
Master Planning Team continues land use discussions

Members of the Master Planning Team continued to discuss long range land use requirements with the College of Engineering, planners from the City of Auburn, and with the University Real Estate Office.

More details about all of the discussions taking place throughout the master planning process will be available on a web site coming soon.

Landscape consultant team selected

The Comprehensive Campus Master Plan will provide the framework within which a Landscape Master Plan will be developed. The landscape plan will serve to guide the planning, design, development, and maintenance of exterior spaces on the Auburn University campus.

A team of landscape architects from Sasaki Associates, jB+a, and Nelson Byrd Wolz has been selected to develop a plan that will create a sustainable landscape and sense of space that is unique to Auburn University.
Share your ideas during upcoming forums*

All students, staff, and faculty are invited to come share ideas for the Campus Master Plan Update. Not able to attend a session? Online surveys will also be available for everyone to provide input. Look for upcoming reminders and more details about how you can participate.

**Provost Open Forum: September 11, 2 p.m., Foy Hall, Room 258**
Topic: Central Classroom Facility Program Requirements

**Master Plan Open Forum: September 26, location to be determined**
Topic: Location Options for New Academic Buildings in the Campus Core (including the Central Classroom Facility)

**Master Plan Open Forum: October 17, location to be determined**
Topic: BOT Planning Element(s) – Parking & Circulation/Mobility

**Provost Open Forum: October 24, 3:30 pm, Langdon Hall**
Topic: BOT Planning Element(s) – Campus Quality of Life and Security

**Landscape Master Plan Open Forum: November 11, location to be determined**
Topic: Toomer’s Corner

**Provost Open Forum: November 27, 3:30 p.m., Foy Hall, Room 258**
Topic: Draft Master Plan 2012 Update – including all major elements

*The open forums are subject to change. Topics may vary depending upon the particular interests of students, faculty, and staff and as the needs of the master planning team change in order to gather the most relevant information.

Faculty, staff, and consultants discuss university campus master plan issues. (Top Row, L-r) Jerry Marshall (Robins and Morton), Curtis Eatman (LBYD), Provost Tim Boosinger, and Carl Pinkert (Associate Vice President for Research). (Bottom Row, L-r) Peter Brigham (Sasaki), Seth Humphrey (OIT), University Architect Greg Parsons, and AU Real Estate Director Mark Stirling.