

D- 2. CAMPUS PLANNING, CAPITAL PROJECTS AND SPACE MANAGEMENT POLICY

All Auburn University property and facilities belong to the University as a whole. These assets are subject to sale, lease, modification, removal, assignment, and reassignment as deemed appropriate to:

- accomplish the institutional mission;
- implement established priorities;
- attain a safer and healthier environment;
- achieve operational efficiency and economy; and
- Improve the land use, space utilization, or appearance of the institution.

Therefore, the planning of land, buildings and space shall be managed from a consolidated, centralized agency, advisory to the President.

DEFINITIONS

It is understood and recognized that the term *planning* refers to a continuous process which has its justification within the institutional mission; its refinement in the academic plans; and its physical expression in property, facilities, and space. The planning process is comprehensive and involves the interrelated activities of acquisition, lease, apportionment, use, utilization, and sale of real property; the design, construction, renovation, apportionment, location, use, utilization, and removal of facilities erected thereon; and the assessment, assignment, modification, reassignment, and general stewardship of the space contained within those facilities.

Auburn University property shall be defined as all real property for which the University holds title, including, but not limited to, the land areas of the main campus at Auburn; Auburn University at Montgomery; the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station; all AAES Substations; the Auburn-Opelika Robert G. Pitts Airport; and all other parcels wherever located. Property and facilities owned by the Auburn University Foundation or the Auburn University Alumni Association, for which title has not been transferred to Auburn University are not considered Auburn University property.

Auburn University facilities include, but are not limited to, all improvements located on Auburn University property, except those constructed by other entities such as clubs and fraternal organizations; associations; foundations; corporations; and governmental agencies. Although these facilities are not owned by the University as such, the design shall be architecturally compatible with existing buildings on the particular property, and the land shall be developed consistently with the long-range

land use plan for that property. Facilities leased by Auburn University and located on property not owned by the University shall also be subject to the purpose and procedures set forth in this Policy whether stated, referenced, or implied.

IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation of and adherence to this Policy shall serve to raise the assurance that all Auburn University property and facilities are deemed necessary and are planned:

- integrally, with strategic, academic, and financial plans;
- comprehensively, and in coordination with concurrent plans;
- responsibly, in pursuit of optimum allocation, utilization, and operation;
- fiscally, for the maximum benefit of available resources;
- aesthetically, to express an image that Auburn is a place of quality, excellence, and rich tradition.

Responsibilities of the Campus Planning and Space Management include, but are not limited to:

- development of procedures for campus planning, capital project planning, and space management which incorporate, amplify, and complement existing policies for the main campus and other properties, as appropriate;
- maintenance and revision of the *Comprehensive Campus Master Plan*, adopted in June 2002, for the main campus; and development and maintenance of master plans for other properties, as necessary, to serve as frameworks for the preservation of existing assets and for guiding physical development;
- interpretation and preservation of *The Image and Character of Auburn University* guidelines for the main campus; and development, interpretation, and preservation of image and character guidelines for other properties, as appropriate;
- development and maintenance of a campus landscape master plan with guidelines for design and maintenance of landscape, plant materials, tree management, irrigation, hardscape, exterior furniture, bicycle racks, trash containers, exterior signage, and exterior lighting;
- development and maintenance of the *University Capital Projects Plan* and guidelines for identification, classification, and prioritization of capital projects;

- development and maintenance of the *University Deferred Maintenance Plan* and guidelines for identification, classification, and prioritization of deferred maintenance projects;
- preparation of the annual *Facilities Master Plan/Capital Projects Request* to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education;
- development and maintenance of guidelines for the design of buildings and space at the main campus and other properties, as appropriate;
- development and maintenance of guidelines for facility condition assessment and assistance and advice in the assessment of facility condition;
- development and maintenance of guidelines for space assessment and assistance and advice in the assessment of space;
- maintenance of the University space inventory database and building floor plans;
- maintenance of the University land inventory database;
- assistance and advice to planning committees; design review boards, and building committees appointed by the President;
- implementation and enforcement of pertinent guidelines and policies on behalf of the President, and
- performance of other strategic initiatives assigned by the President.

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