First round of community task force recommendations to be adopted into planning for 10-acre campus

For the past 8 months, 88 community and OSU-Cascades staff members from our nine Task Forces have been working to assess the impact of the campus expansion on surrounding communities. Several of these groups have presented formal recommendations and some are scheduled to present later this month and year. These recommendations are designed to guide and shape planning for the new four-year campus. The task force groups include representation from the city, local neighborhood associations, residents, business owners, community leaders and university faculty and staff.

To date, more than 90 recommendations related to the 10-acre campus have been presented to the Campus Expansion Advisory Committee by the Neighborhood Livability. Of those presented, the OSU-Cascades planning team plans to formally adopt 71 recommendations. Some of the remaining recommendations are still under consideration while others, including those related to housing, are still in review in other Task Forces. The first round of recommendations are focused on the following areas:

**Neighborhood Livability**
- Construction Noise
- Nuisance Parties
- Special Events
- Personal Safety (Students)
- Property Security
- Campus Public Safety
- Housing
- Neighborhood Sensitivity

**Transportation**
- Traffic
- Parking

**Sustainability**
- Design
- Community Integration
- Social Equity

These recommendations have guided and shaped the planning process for the 10-acre campus development and will continue to do so as the expansion continues. Below is a summary of the first round of recommendations along with comments from the University’s planning team.

- ✓ = adopted
- o = under further review, awaiting additional information or considering alternate plan
- x = will not be led by OSU-Cascades
- = OSU-Cascades Comments
Neighborhood Livability: CONSTRUCTION NOISE
Recommendations: **100% adopted**

- Restrict hours and days of operation based on west side demographics
- Make considerations for conditions during the morning and afternoon school drop off and release times (Mt. Washington)
- Identify “lessons learned” from local businesses and neighbors to develop better practices for subsequent phases

OSU-Cascades Comments
The University will:
- Conduct a post-construction survey to Century Blvd, Mt. Washington and Galveston business owners and neighbors to identify best practices
- Create a construction hotline phone number for ongoing monitoring and course correction
- Require subcontractors to include a construction noise management plan in the bidding process

Neighborhood Livability: NUISANCE PARTIES
Recommendations: **100% adopted**

- Develop a proactive series of Good Neighbor and Bend Living 101 training programs for both on-campus and off-campus students
- Create a public complaint process that connects directly to OSU
- Coordinates annual off-campus visits that include OSU, City of Bend, and neighborhood leaders to encourage Good Neighbor relations (to take place at the beginning of each school year)
- Develop periodic contact with property management companies regarding their role and responsibilities
- Develop a resource “Who To Call” contact list
- Collaboration to address issues typically found with student housing (Including, but not limited to noise, late-night parties, and alcohol consumption)
- Revise OSU student code of conduct to include both on-campus and off-campus behavior being subject to University sanctions

OSU-Cascades Comments
The University will:
- Re-engage students on an annual basis to reinforce good neighbor relations
- Continuously evaluate the training program with input from homeowners, property owners and neighborhood associations
- Create good neighbor education materials in collaboration with City of Bend and neighborhood association leaders
- Identify “preferred” OSU-approved property management companies (off-site rental lists) with on-going monitoring & accountability (3 strikes policy)

Neighborhood Livability: SPECIAL EVENTS
Recommendations: **100% adopted**
OSU-Cascades Comments
The University will:

- Continue to develop detailed special event plans; similar to commencement planning process
- Coordinate public events with schools in close proximity and COCC; Initiate public notification of all events (media, email, posting, newsletter)

Neighborhood Livability: PERSONAL SAFETY (STUDENTS)
Recommendations: 100% adopted

- Sufficient pathway and parking lot lighting for security
- Periodic walkability audits of campus pathways
- Continue on-campus residence hall advisor program
- For on-campus students, create a “residence hall watch” program
- Determine proper hours of operation for the various portions of the campus
- Provide Call boxes for emergencies or requesting escort
- Removal of any vegetation providing intruder hiding places*
- Offer crime prevention & awareness classes for students**
  - Provide safety van(s) to pick up students who are too impaired to drive***

OSU-Cascades Comments
The University will:

- Evaluate safety vs. accessibility needs for hours of operation
- *Monitor low height landscaping
- **Offer a public safety training (including sexual assault & alcohol awareness)
- ***Evaluate cost-effectiveness and quality of van vs. taxi vouchers vs. student buddy program

Neighborhood Livability: PROPERTY SECURITY
Recommendations
- For off-campus students, offer a “vacant” house check during holiday breaks*
- Develop off-campus housing program modeled after Rental Property Program** (Eugene PD) and/or Off-Campus Housing Excellence Program (Ohio State University)
- Offer “safety check” program for both on and off campus students**

OSU-Cascades Comments
The University will:

- All recommendations regarding on- or off-campus housing were passed to the Housing Task Force for consideration.

Neighborhood Livability: CAMPUS PUBLIC SAFETY
Recommendations
- Enter into an M.O.U. with City of Bend to create a new patrol district with a dedicated officer and substation on the OSU campus*
- Contract with security company to handle building security and on-campus parking**
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- Hire OSU/City of Bend liaison director to develop positive relationships between students, City of Bend, and surrounding neighborhoods. Position to be jointly funded by OSU and the City of Bend (job description from CSU – Fort Collins available upon request)
  ✓ Developing a protocol to handle extreme crime situations, like a student or person with a gun on campus or hostage situation

**OSU-Cascades Comments**
The University will:

- *Assess campus security needs with the City of Bend & Police Department and determine the City’s role (December 2014)
- **Evaluate staff vs. contract parking management to monitor on-campus parking
- Review liaison role with City of Bend including job description, timing of need and reporting structure
- Appoint an individual person on campus within the University to act as liaison for parking management
- OSU-Cascades is committed to working with City and Police staff to assess needs and determine best approaches to public safety for the campus
- OSU-Cascades is committed to developing a long-term collaborative relationship with the City and NA’s. A liaison role was recently adopted in Corvallis; this may make good sense for OSU-Cascades/City.

**Neighborhood Livability: HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD SENSITIVITY**
(The following recommendations have been submitted by the Neighborhood Livability Task Force and will be evaluated by the Housing Task Force for inclusion in the final Housing recommendations)

Recommendations:

- ✓ Develop, monitor, and enforce housing policies that support harmonious living on and off campus
- ✓ Provide on-campus amenities (e.g., retail) that are integral and supportive of the students’ on campus experience
- ✓ Work with rental owners to establish appropriate rental agreements for student housing
- ✓ Establish on-campus housing that is situated to support multimodal travel, including walking, biking, public transportation
- ✓ Establish amenities such as retail and recreation so that they are easily accessible to student travel without automobiles
- ✓ Work with rental owners to establish appropriate rental agreements for student housing
- ✓ Create on-campus housing that is attractive and consistent with Central Oregon aesthetics
- ✓ Establish University policies and educational programs to enhance student sensitivity to the surrounding community
- ✓ Establish periodic reviews of these policies and programs to ensure that they remain timely and effective.
  - Set a goal of 75% of students to be housed on-campus by 2025*
The University will:

- Develop a proactive series of Good Neighbor and Bend Living 101 training programs for both on-campus and off-campus students
- Re-engage students on an annual basis to reinforce good neighbor relations
- Continuously evaluate the training program with input from homeowners, property owners and neighborhood associations
- Create good neighbor education materials in collaboration with City of Bend and neighborhood association leaders
- Coordinate annual off-campus visits that include OSU, City of Bend, and neighborhood leaders to encourage Good Neighbor relations (to take place at the beginning of each school year)
- Develop periodic contact with property management companies regarding their role and responsibilities
- Include amenities such as a fitness center, convenience store, game room, gear storage space, computer/study space, laundry, coffee, dining in the 10 acre campus plan
- *Review and evaluate additional Housing Task force recommendations in the coming months
- Recommendations were passed to the Housing Task Force for review; all others adopted.

**Transportation: TRAFFIC**

Recommendations: **100% adopted**

- ✓ Provide robust bicycle parking supply ranging from simple racks to secure storage lockers
- ✓ Offer a place to shower, change & store gear for those commuting by bicycle
- ✓ Construct onsite transit facilities that are well lit, sheltered & provide amenities (wifi & electronic schedule info)
- ✓ Provide transit passes to students, employees & faculty
- ✓ Increase access to safe, convenient & comfortable infrastructure for bicycling & walking – both on & off campus*
- ✓ Establish a shuttle to ensure timely travel to & from campus to off-site parking
- ✓ Adapt work & class schedules to reduce peak-period commute trips to the campus so that they do not coincide with peak trips on the existing transportation system
- ✓ Participate in Commute Options ridesharing program, or develop a campus-specific rideshare program.
- ✓ Designate less expensive & more convenient parking spots for rideshare vehicles
- ✓ Create a convenient drop-off site for students who ride-share with others who do not have the campus as a final destination
- ✓ Establish a flex vehicle program
- ✓ Develop information & outreach on transportation options by teaming with Commute Options or forming a campus-specific program
- ✓ Establish amenities such as retail and recreation so that they are easily accessible to student travel without automobiles

**OSU-Cascades Comments**

The University will:

- *Implement site plan improvements to surrounding areas that enhance safety including lights, public walkways
Transportation: PARKING
Recommendations

- Require staff & employees to park off-site, freeing on-site spaces for visitors, car-poolers, & students
- Create priority carpool spaces/prices
- Participate in parking management of on-street parking through education, incentives and disincentives
- Monitor on-site parking performance over time, & establish trigger points for pre-identified mitigation measures
  - Designate students to potentially help with enforcement of parking management*
- Require campus residents to store personal vehicles at an OSU-provided off-site parking lot**
  - Work with City to define a parking district***
  - Charge higher prices for on site close-in spaces & lower prices for off-site spaces****

OSU-Cascades Comments
The University will:
- Create a comprehensive parking management plan that is monitored, evaluated and enhanced on an on-going basis. It will include all necessary parking on-site. No off-site facility is required.
- Provide more bicycle parking spots for students, faculty and staff than required by city code
- Hire students to monitor and manage parking issues & evaluate best means of enforcement; this may be external or staff
- OSU-Cascades is committed to partnering with the City/Police to develop off-site parking management program, including monitoring and management.
- OSU-Cascades would like to see a parking district established around the campus.

SUSTAINABILITY: Design
Recommendations

- Adopt a high bar, aspirational sustainability vision
- Materials should honor the distinct place-setting of the area and emphasize Oregon wood products wherever possible
- Sourcing of building materials should be consistent with the Living Building Challenge to the greatest extent possible
- Architectural style shall reflect Central Oregon’s past but also set the tone for the future
- Landscaping shall utilize potential natural vegetation for the site according to the plant list for the Ponderosa Pine-Bitterbrush-Fescue community of the Central Oregon Pumice Zone
- Site development shall proceed under a guideline of minimal disturbance and restoration
- Plant materials to be removed shall be reused elsewhere on site where/when possible
- Integrate buildings into the landscape where possible
- Buildings and landscaping shall serve as interpretive elements in a coordinated living/learning experience
- Site planning shall integrate campus buildings and open areas into existing commercial areas and travel corridors
- Site planning shall balance building density with preservation/restoration of significant natural features. Campus density shall match or exceed surrounding densities
✓ Passive solar design with high performance building shell and HVAC systems
✓ Innovative use of wood products
  o HVAC systems (heating and cooling) for all buildings should be compatible with multiple energy sources and systems (heating and cooling)
  o Innovative use of water management and strategies for potable, grey and black water systems
  o Green building certifications
✓ Energy monitoring and management systems
  o Solar energy systems (electric and thermal)
✓ Campus environment as an education experience
✓ Adopt a sustainability performance measurement system and action plan

OSU-Cascades Comments
The University will:
  • Implement a full adoption of sustainability recommendations for building designs

SUSTAINABILITY: Community Integration
Recommendations
  o Initiate a collaborative EcoDistrict project for the campus and surrounding neighborhoods, in partnership with the City of Bend and other key local governmental and community stakeholders*

OSU-Cascades Comments
The University will:
  • *Explore and evaluate EcoDistricts (Portland-based) vs. a Bend version in partnership with other local partners. Conversations are underway to determine the most effective option

SUSTAINABILITY: Social Equity
(*Specific social equity recommendations are currently under development and will be evaluated in the coming months*)
Recommendations
✓ Adopt a social equity action plan
✓ Create a human-centric infrastructure and human-centric policies that focus on metrics of well-being.
✓ Practice transparent decision-making processes and the promotion of democratic governance within the university.
✓ Consider just allocation of benefits created by the campus and just allocation of burdens created by the campus
✓ Promote awareness, protections and/or opportunities for marginalized groups and minorities
✓ Promote respect for long tenured wisdom and historical context that exists in the community

OSU-Cascades Comments
The University will:
  • Review and evaluate additional social equity recommendations in the coming months