

## OSU-Cascades Campus Expansion Advisory Committee Meeting – October 23, 2014 REPORT - Task Force Recommendations

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

The CEAC Housing Task Force made 25 recommendations applicable to the 10-acre campus at the June 16, 2014 Campus Expansion Advisory Committee meeting.

The Housing Task Force was made up of OSU-Cascades and City of Bend officials, representatives of Bend Neighborhood Associations and community members as listed below.

Bill Bernardy, community member  
 Jim Long, City of Bend  
 Michael McLandress, Old Bend Neighborhood Association  
 Michael Carr, Summit West Neighborhood Association  
 Stacey Stemach, neighborhood representative  
 Martha Bibb, community member  
 Leslie Weaver, community member  
 Karen Bennett, community member  
 Jane Raleigh, community member  
 Cindy Chandler, community member  
 Sid Snyder, community member  
 Ed Funk, community member  
 Damian Syrnyk, City of Bend  
 James Goff, City of Bend  
 Kelly Sparks, OSU-Liaison, Associate VP, Finance and Strategic Planning  
 Jane Reynolds, Director of Enrollment Services & Student Success

Of the 25 recommendations presented, the OSU-Cascades planning team plans to formally adopt 21 recommendations. Some of the remaining recommendations are still under consideration while others, including those related to health care, are still in review in other Task Forces. The first round of recommendations are focused on the following areas:

#### Housing

- On-campus & near-campus housing targets
- How to make living on campus attractive
- How to transition students to off-campus housing
- How to deal with bad behavior in student-occupied housing

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 second round of recommendations along with comments from the University's planning team.

- ✓ = adopted
- = under further review, awaiting additional information or considering alternate plan
- χ = will not be led by OSU-Cascades
- = OSU-Cascades Comments

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### On-campus & near-campus housing targets for 10-acre campus (1890 students)

Establish a primarily residential campus & accommodate as many students on or with ½ mile of campus as possible

Recommendations: **100% adopted**

- ✓ House 300 students on campus (about 16% of total enrollment)
- ✓ Provide mix of housing units, including ones that accommodate the needs of international students
- ✓ Develop programs to partner with (a) private developers and (b) individual landlords, with the aim of offering university-affiliated near-campus housing options <sup>1</sup>

### OSU-Cascades Comments

The University will:

- Of the planned 1890 students for the 10-acre campus, approximately 1000 are current students taking classes at Cascades Hall on the COCC campus and at our Graduate and Research Center. These students live, work and recreate in Central Oregon today. The 300 planned beds will support more than 30% of planned new enrollment.
- <sup>1</sup> OSU-Cascades will develop a University affiliated housing program for off-campus housing; OSU-Cascades will continue to conduct outreach with developers and land owners, sharing enrollment data, student needs, and other information

### Create a vibrant, dynamic campus with residential options that are priced competitively

Recommendations: **67% adopted**

- ✓ Offer as many of the amenities in Finding #1 above as space allows and partner with other entities to fill gaps
- ✓ Require all non-exempted freshmen to live on campus
- ✗ Require all non-exempted sophomores to live on campus or (with approval) in university-affiliated housing near campus <sup>2</sup>
- ✓ Offer First-Year Experience and other student life programs <sup>3</sup>
- ✓ Designate space for upperclassmen and incentivize them to live on campus
- Utilize financial aid strategies to make the price of on-campus housing competitive <sup>5</sup>

### OSU-Cascades Comments

The University will:

- Develop a vibrant, dynamic residential campus. At the core of the site and building designs are “hearths” or community gathering spaces for students, faculty/staff and the community. There are inviting indoor and outdoor spaces. The academic building has been designed to support both the social and academic needs of the student population – one-stop access to counseling, advising, financial aid, career counseling, accommodations, and tutoring support.
- <sup>2</sup> Incentivize sophomores to live on campus by providing desirable and competitively priced amenities. In the housing task force benchmarking work, it was identified that UC-Merced and Western Washington University did not have live on requirements, more than 90% of freshman and a growing number of upperclassmen live on campus. Like Bend, housing is expensive and scarce in Merced. And like Merced, OSU-Cascades would like to create a positive incentive to live on campus with competitively priced, vibrant and dynamic spaces.
- <sup>3</sup> First-year experience faculty and staff committee has been established to develop a program. In addition, new student life/club sports personnel will be hired to further develop student life programming.
- <sup>5</sup> Currently researching OSU policy and financial aid policies to see what is possible for OSU-Cascades.

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### Promote good neighbor practices for students and landlords.

Recommendations: **83% adopted**

- Jointly hire staff Town/Gown coordinator with City of Bend<sup>6</sup>
- ✓ Partner with COROA, City, and NAs to develop landlord best practices
- ✓ Sponsor “Connect Week” for freshmen and re-engagement program for upperclassmen to connect them to the community<sup>7</sup>
- ✓ Develop “university affiliated” preferred rental-housing provider programs for (a) private developers and (b) individual landlords<sup>8</sup>
- ✓ Create an off-campus living program
- ✓ Minimize impact of housing events, such as move-in/move-out days

### OSU-Cascades Comments

The University will:

- <sup>6</sup> Discussions underway with City of Bend
- Develop a “connect week” program. Student affairs, community coordinator and faculty will be involved. <sup>7</sup> Faculty will determine class/cohort readings.
- <sup>8</sup> Student privacy issues to be addressed with legal counsel

### Set student expectations for appropriate behavior and provide mechanism for community to report violations.

Recommendations: **90% adopted**

- ✓ Develop student “appropriate behavior” education program:
  - levels of consequence
  - student affairs to communicate issues to students within 12 hours<sup>9</sup>
- ✓ Enforce the Student Conduct Code on-and off-campus through the judicial process
- ✓ Extend OSU housing policies to off-campus living arrangements, as appropriate
- ✓ Discourage students from living in high-occupancy rentals
- ✓ Provide a single point of contact for community complaints (Town/Gown coordinator)
- ✓ Partner with the City to develop university district monthly incident reporting and neighborhood statistics
- ✓ Establish monitoring protocols to evaluate the effectiveness of behavior management programs
- ✓ Develop a strong relationship with City Code Enforcement
- ✓ Educate the community about FERPA, which protects the privacy of education records
- Provide referrals from the housing office to appropriate mental health services<sup>10</sup>

### OSU-Cascades Comments

The University will:

- Commit to helping students develop as productive members of our community. OSU-Cascades will create an “appropriate behavior” education program, provide open access to the community to share concerns with University Administration, develop external monthly incident reporting and solutions oriented community engagement plan.
- Research reported issues, communicate with the City Code Enforcement Office and follow through with students <sup>9</sup> within 12 hours of confirmed incident.
- <sup>10</sup> To be reviewed with Health Care Task Force recommendations