

Frequently Asked Questions related to:

Amendment to UO Campus Plan Principle 1: Process and Participation

For more information:

<https://cpfm.uoregon.edu/campus-plan-principle-1-amendment>

Amendment Overview

What is the UO Campus Plan?	The Campus Plan is the university's guiding framework for campus development, outlining the principles and processes that shape all construction and physical planning decisions. It is rooted in <i>The Oregon Experiment</i> and emphasizes participation, coordinated growth, and preservation of the campus's historic open-space framework. [see cpfm.uoregon.edu/campus-plan]
Is it a policy document?	Yes. Campus Planning (UO Policy Number IV.07.07) identifies the Campus Plan as the UO document that defines the university's requirements with respect to physical development of university properties.
What is Principle 1: Process and Participation?	Principle 1: Process and Participation is the foundational principle of the Campus Plan. It establishes that all campus development decisions must follow a structured, participatory process that includes broad stakeholder involvement. It emphasizes participation, organic order, coordination, and diagnosis as essential components to ensure decisions are well-informed, aligned with institutional needs, and responsive to the current campus environment.
What changes to Principle 1 are being proposed?	Overall, the proposed change to Principle 1 will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update the process description to reflect how UO currently delivers capital construction projects.• Remove prescriptive steps for construction project delivery while ensuring broad participation continues to occur.• Improve efficiency by eliminating outdated or unnecessary procedural requirements.• Update terminology, committee names, and references to match current university organization and planning vocabulary.• Retain stakeholder participation while redefining roles of participants to clarify responsibilities, establish a decision-making hierarchy, and make best use of stakeholders' time.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove processes that are no longer relevant. Modify processes to be more efficient while still meeting the intent of the Campus Plan.
What is the biggest proposed change I should know about?	The amendment proposes to remove the prescriptive, step-by-step, process for delivering capital construction projects as it is currently outlined in the Plan. To be more user-friendly, it proposes to replace the terminology “Tracks A, B, and C” (processes for different types of projects) with more intuitive terminology and descriptions. The Campus Plan will continue to include requirements for project review but be less prescriptive to provide future adaptability for delivering capital construction projects.
Is this change related to an upcoming project?	No. The proposed changes are not tied to a specific project. Amendments are being made because the project delivery process at UO has evolved to deliver projects more effectively.
Why is the university updating Principle 1 now?	Updating Principle 1 is needed to ensure the Campus Plan remains most useful and aligns with current best practices. This work is being prioritized now as the Office of Campus Planning has completed other planning projects.
University Planning Process	
Why has UO not been following its own process as outlined in the Campus Plan?	The university’s current project delivery methods, internal workflows, organizational structures, and best practices have evolved over time requiring updates to the Plan. Just as the physical campus has grown and changed over the years, so have these practices and processes. The current version of the Campus Plan was written over 20 years ago and some of the processes outlined in Principle 1 have become either outdated or are now obsolete.
How does this update support better decision-making for capital construction projects?	Redistributing project participants into a new framework allows for more clarity on roles and responsibilities and a better understanding of how decisions are made. The new framework continues to engage a broad range of stakeholders and creates a hierarchy for decision making.
How will these changes benefit project teams during design?	Project teams will benefit from clearer process steps and more efficient project team coordination with better-aligned expectations.
How will these changes improve efficiency during the design of projects?	The changes will support more predictable project delivery while still ensuring thorough stakeholder engagement. In addition, these changes ensure project participants are spending the right amount of time in the areas they care about most.
Does this update change the university’s	No. Participation remains central to the Campus Plan. Stakeholders will still have meaningful input; the structure simply becomes clearer and more aligned with current planning practices.

commitment to participation?	
Why is the User Group being removed from the process?	The “User Group” is intended to represent the campus’s diverse population to the greatest extent possible. Members currently outlined in the User Group will continue to be engaged in the various roles of the Executive Team, Management team, Project Team, Focus Groups, and/or the Design Advisory Board. This framework ensures that project participants are spending the right amount of time in the areas they care about most.
Who manages construction projects?	Campus Planning & Facilities Management (CPFM) is responsible for managing or guiding all construction projects unless the president determines otherwise.
Does the role of the Campus Planning Committee (CPC) remain the same related to reviewing changes to campus?	Yes. The CPC continues to review exterior campus projects for alignment with the Campus Plan.
Overview of the amendment process	
What is the process for the amendment?	The amendment process is outlined in the Campus Plan. The Campus Planning Committee will be engaged throughout the process. Notifications and a Public Hearing will occur prior to the Committee making a recommendation to the President, who is the final decision maker on whether to approve or not approve the amendment.
Will there be a public hearing?	Yes. The Campus Planning Committee, during its review process, will hold a public hearing. All meetings are open to the public.
Is there a website where I can view the materials?	Yes. Please see: https://cpfm.uoregon.edu/campus-plan-principle-1-amendment
How do I share comments / ask questions about the amendment or participation opportunities?	To provide feedback or comments, you may: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend a CPC meeting (open to the public) • Provide comments during the meeting • Provide feedback to the Office of Campus Planning, Liz Thorstenson, Planning Associate – Historic Preservation, 541-346-5024, lizt@uoregon.edu