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MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee

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Subject: Campus Planning Committee Meeting, October 2, 2018

The next meeting of the 2017-18 Campus Planning Committee (CPC) will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 from 10am - 12pm in the Lokey Education Room #116

Please visit the project sites prior to the meeting.

All meetings are open to the public.

**Agenda:**

**1. Classroom and Faculty Office Building (CFOB) - Site Selection - Analysis of Primary Sites**

Background: The purpose of this agenda item is to share the analysis to-date of the three remaining primary sites for the Classroom and Faculty Office Building site selection and to solicit feedback from CPC. The three remaining sites under consideration are PLC Parking Lot, Collier House Site, and McArthur Court.

The CPC previously reviewed this site selection process at its May 15, 2018 meeting where staff presented the site selection process and key criteria (based on principles and patterns of the Campus Plan) which will be used to assess each of the potential sites.

The following questions was asked by a committee member:

- How does the environment and society theme of this building factor into the siting and programming?

In addition, at its June 1, 2018 meeting, the CPC reviewed the all of the permissible building sites identified in the Framework Vision Project (FVP) that could accommodate the building program and the fatal flaws (based on the previously confirmed site selection criteria) which eliminated approximately half of the potential sites. The committee agreed that the

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sites with fatal flaws identified to that point were appropriate for removal from further consideration.

The following is a compilation of questions and comments from the committee members and guests:

- The Collier House site is important from an ecological point of view as it is part of a bird and wildlife corridor through campus.
- Building on existing surface parking lots would be positive from an ecological standpoint.
- Given the program of the building, adhering to the 7-minute walking circle/ instructional core seems to be a key criterion.
- It is reasonable to take the Esslinger redevelopment site off the list of potential sites for this building. There are plans for a carefully considered relocation of existing uses in that building in the future.
- Placing a building on the edge of campus could encourage the expansion of campus. Ensure that the walkability of campus is carefully considered in siting this building.
- A surface parking lot (like the PLC lot) is an undesirable anomaly in an urban center.

On its August 7, 2018 meeting, the CPC reviewed the analysis of the five primary sites for the CFOB and confirmed that two more sites (the site north of Dads' Gates and the site South University site) were appropriate to remove from further consideration.

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- The PLC parking lot is in an urban environment with more intense stimuli than is often the case around general use classroom buildings.
- Carefully consider accessibility issues at the PLC site (at the gateway on Kincaid) and Mac Court sites because these sites have significant grade changes.
- If the Mac Court site is selected, design with the redevelopment of Esslinger in mind.
- The criteria used to eliminate the Esslinger site (existing uses and large site) will never change. CPFM should study how a redevelopment of that site might work so that it is a viable site option in the future.
- A member was encouraged to see that the Framework Vision Project showed the building site at Collier House pulled back from the heart of campus. He observed that Tykeson Hall feels like it is "crowding the street".
- A member was in support of the Mac Court and PLC sites. Extending the utility tunnel to PLC will be more expensive in the future than it is now and it is a good opportunity to make Johnson Lane Axis more prominent.
- Another member was in support of the Collier House and PLC sites because of

program adjacencies.

- A guest to the committee stated that impacts to the faculty and students who occupy the Collier must be understood if it is to remain a viable site. If the Collier House is to be relocated, it would be preferable for it faculty and students occupying the Collier House to be closer to the other spaces in their department.
- Another guest was in support of the PLC and Mac Court sites as they present opportunities to rectify existing problems: Mac Court needs seismic upgrades, safety issues could be addressed at the PLC site. The Collier House site does not seem to have any problems that need to be solved.
- A student guest emphasized the need for the CFOB to be sited adjacent to other buildings used by the departments that will occupy space in the CFOB.

Please refer to the attached background materials for more information.

Action: No formal action is requested. The committee's comments will be considered as the site selection process moves forward.

Please contact this office if you have questions.