The UO Campus Plan: The Twelve Campus Plan Principles

PRINCIPLE 1: Process and Participation
Planning decisions are made by following a process rather than an established image of the campus. Plan provisions go well beyond what is typical for meaningful input from students, faculty, staff, and others.

PRINCIPLE 2: Open-space Framework
The University of Oregon campus is organized as a system of quadrangles, axes, greens, and other open spaces. As opportunities arise, the fundamental and historic elements of the University’s open space framework and its landscape shall be preserved, completed, and extended.

PRINCIPLE 3: Densities
The Plan defines maximum allowed densities for each design area to preserve the university's historic character while at the same time accommodating new facilities.

PRINCIPLE 4: Space Use and Organization
The Plan ensures preservation of the instructional core and a walkable campus.

PRINCIPLE 5: Replacement of Displaced Uses
The Plan ensures all university uses are treated with importance. A new use must not benefit at the expense of an existing use.

PRINCIPLE 6: Maintenance and Building Service
The Plan requires a long-term and flexible design approach. The viability of the university depends on the creation of a campus that is long-lasting, easily maintained, and easily serviced.

PRINCIPLE 7: Architectural Style and Historic Preservation
The Plan ensures preservation and enhancement of the campus’s overall visual continuity. Furthermore, the university’s historic buildings and landscapes are artifacts of the cultural heritage of the community, the state, and the nation.

PRINCIPLE 8: Universal Access
The Plan is committed to making all new facilities accessible to all. This inclusive environment enables all users to participate equally in the university’s programs, activities, and services.

PRINCIPLE 9: Transportation
The Plan reaffirms longstanding, innovative transportation policies that have created a pedestrian and bike friendly campus.

PRINCIPLE 10: Sustainable Development
The development, repair, maintenance, and operations of the University of Oregon today have an impact on the local environment and the ability of future generations to thrive. All development, redevelopment, and remodeling on campus shall incorporate sustainable design principles.

PRINCIPLE 11: Patterns
Patterns are design statements that describe and analyze design issues and suggest ways to resolve them. There are twenty-one patterns that must be considered for every project. Many more are used as applicable.

PRINCIPLE 12: Design Area Special Conditions
The campus is divided into smaller design areas. For each of these areas the Plan identifies special conditions that should be addressed when construction occurs.

Map: Designated Open Spaces and Pathways

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