

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

MASTER CAMPUS FACILITY PLAN - PLANNING PRINCIPLES

The purpose of the planning principles is to guide the development of The University of Southern Mississippi's Hattiesburg campus. The Planning Principles express the campus community's enduring, consensual values and are intended to span decades of change while also serving as a reference for ongoing decision-making. These tenets shall guide incremental decisions with regard to consistency with the long term planning strategy for the campus and the values and mission of the University.

PROTECT HISTORIC OPEN SPACES AND BUILDINGS

- The character of the historic buildings on the campus will be preserved.
- The significant open spaces of the campus will be protected and enhanced.

EXTEND AND ENHANCE THE CHARACTER OF THE CAMPUS THROUGH THE CONTEXTUAL DESIGN OF FUTURE BUILDINGS AND OPEN SPACES

- Future buildings and landscape design should compliment the positive precedents of the adjacent buildings and open spaces.
- The scale, proportions, and materials utilized in adjacent buildings and open spaces will be considered in future designs.

CREATE AND PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTS FOR LEARNING, RESEARCH AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

- The entire campus will be developed as the learning environment.
- The campus will be planned and designed to engage populations and individuals of all abilities to enhance the experience of visitors.
- Nodes of interaction between the University and community will be established.
- Campus developments will incorporate safety and ensure a better sense of place.

PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN AND ENERGY CONSERVATION PRINCIPLES

- The campus landscape will enhance the pedestrian environment, provide shade, and address environmental impacts that include stormwater, habitat, and air quality.
- Campus architecture will conserve energy and respond to the climate through building orientation and color, shade, and roof form.

DEVELOP AN INTEGRATED CIRCULATION SYSTEM

- A coordinated approach to campus circulation systems will include pedestrian, bicycle, golf cart, transit, automobile, service and emergency access.
- The campus will be a pedestrian-oriented environment emphasizing accessibility, safety, and security and comfort.
- Parking will be located on the campus periphery and linked to the academic core via the enhanced pedestrian network.

INTEGRATE MODERN TECHNOLOGY

- The campus will sustain and improve access to technology.
- Current and emerging technologies will be incorporated into campus design.

IMPLEMENT STRATEGIC GROWTH PRACTICES

- Academic facilities will be concentrated in the pedestrian core of the campus.
- Campus housing will be located in relation to student amenity and support facilities.
- Academic and functional zones will be enhanced.
- Planning for new facilities shall include comprehensive operational costs.
- Planning of future facilities will consider the displacement and/or replacement of existing uses.
- A standing Design Review and Implementation Committee will be established to ensure that the placement of new buildings, renovation of existing structures and the development of open spaces adhere to the Planning Principles of the Master Campus Facility Plan.