Master Plan Goals

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Environment for Learning: Provide a rich and diverse learning environment with spaces that support learning, both inside and outside the classroom. Provide instructional and social spaces which are of appropriate capacity, which function well, and which meet the technological and pedagogical needs of all learners.

Community: Create an environment which facilitates social interaction, encourages feelings of belonging, and promotes a sense of community.

Natural setting: Acknowledge, clarify, and maximize the natural setting of which the campus is a part. Enhance connections between the campus and the surrounding natural systems. Bring nature into the core campus.

Sustainability: Minimize negative impact on, and make positive contributions to, both the local and larger environments.

Aesthetics: Provide high-quality spaces to support learning, discovery, and engagement. Acknowledge the influence of the campus environment's sensory qualities on the quality of people's experiences at the College; promote attention to aesthetics and the presence of art. Provide appropriate strategies to mitigate the presence of unarticulated, large-scale concrete surfaces.

Sense of Place: Promote a distinct campus identity.

Clarity: Enhance and clarify civic structure to facilitate orientation for all users. Provide a coherent, unified framework of identifiable landmarks, distinct districts, clearly-defined campus entrances, and clear and direct circulation. Provide a high-quality wayfinding system including maps, signs, and other strategies.

Accessibility: Pursue continuous improvement toward the goal of universal access.

Safety: Provide spaces and routes which feel safe and are safe.

Parking and Transportation: Provide strategies so that transportation and parking are not impediments to traveling to campus. Develop strategies for parking and transportation which incorporate principles of sustainability and aesthetics.

Stewardship: Promote responsible long-term stewardship of the institution's assets.