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7.1 The Plan Implementation Process

The intent of the Master Plan is to create a foundation for campus planning and to establish an entity that will review planning issues in the future. The OSU Administration has created the Long Range Facilities Planning group (LRFP) to be responsible for administering the governance of the Master Plan. The Master Plan should be thought of as a living document, to be reviewed yearly, that helps support OSU's Strategic Plan. To achieve this the LRFP requests and receives input and feedback from already established committees such as the Facilities Planning and Space Utilization Committee and the Faculty Council's Campus Facilities, Safety and Secure Committee.

The Facilities Planning and Space Utilization Committee will function in ways very similar to a city planning commission and will review proposed modifications and additions to the plan. The committee may approve small changes, while major changes will go before the Board of Regents.

In order for the OSU community to support the Master Plan, the representative bodies (e.g. Student Government Association, Graduate Program Student Government Association, Faculty Council, and Staff Advisory Council) will need to have ample opportunity to affect the Master Plan. In addition, any member of the OSU community should be allowed to share their thoughts and expertise. Therefore, from time to time, the Master Plan should be discussed both at meetings of representative bodies as well as at open forums. Therefore, to ensure the validity of the planning process it is important that the LRFP group remain under the aegis of the office of Administration and Finance independent of any division, such as Physical Plant, or college.

Where the campus meets the surrounding neighborhoods the LRFP group will work intensively with the City of Stillwater Planning Staff. Our joint goal is to have a *Mixed-use Urban Planning District* south and east of the campus forming a connection to the downtown area. In addition, the City of Stillwater will review any updates to the Master Plan to include their thoughts and expertise.

The LRFP group will manage all academic projects that have a construction cost of \$2.0 million or more. By taking the lead in all major capital projects, the LRFP can ensure that any suggested inconsistencies from the Master Plan are properly reviewed. In addition, the LRFP governs the Master Plan: any project that affects the locations of underground facilities, any work not internal to a building, such as a change to the building façade, hard and soft landscaping, above ground utilities, sidewalks, etc., shall be reviewed by the LRFP group.

The Campus Facilities, Safety and Security Committee (CFSS) of the Faculty Council created an *ad hoc* committee of experts that reviewed the Master Plan and has identified several findings and recommendations. Many of these have already been carefully considered and incorporated in the Master Plan; the others, while receiving consideration during the planning process, need further detailed study. The findings and recommendations of the CFSS are as follows:

- 1. The OSU Administration is now to be commended for establishing a Campus Planning Office in the fall of 2006 to finalize and maintain current the Master Plan for the Stillwater campus. The campus planning office should be (a) modeled after similar campus planning's offices of peer universities with a capital programming function, and (b) broadened to include professionals experienced in campus planning such as a certified AICP planner to better coordinate campus facilities, and a registered CLARB professional landscape architect to enhance the site amenities of the campus.*
- 2. When the Master Plan is revised, it should reflect a shorter planning period. Current theory and practice in planning is to have a Planning Period of 10 years not 20 years as indicated by the preliminary master plan. This is because master planning now takes place in a world of rapid change in technology and socioeconomics.*
- 3. The Master Plan should be thought of as a living document and should be developed in a digital format that can be reviewed annual and updated at the end of each academic year and kept current. Current copies of the master plan can be reproduced with the supporting data as needed. The Master Plan should not be produced as a static document in the form of a final report or models. Further, a professional advisory group, like the Ad Hoc Committee, should be used to review the proposed changes annually.*
- 4. When the contents of the Master Plan are updated, it is recommended that an overlay methodology of each planning element (landscape amenities, utility distribution systems, circulation systems for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians, maintenance access to all buildings, historic features, public art, etc.) be developed along with a composite analysis map showing opportunities and constraints on which planning proposals can be analyzed.*
- 5. The principles of adaptive use in planning (i.e., consideration of alternative uses for existing buildings) should be considered during the planning process before the demolition of any structure occurs.*

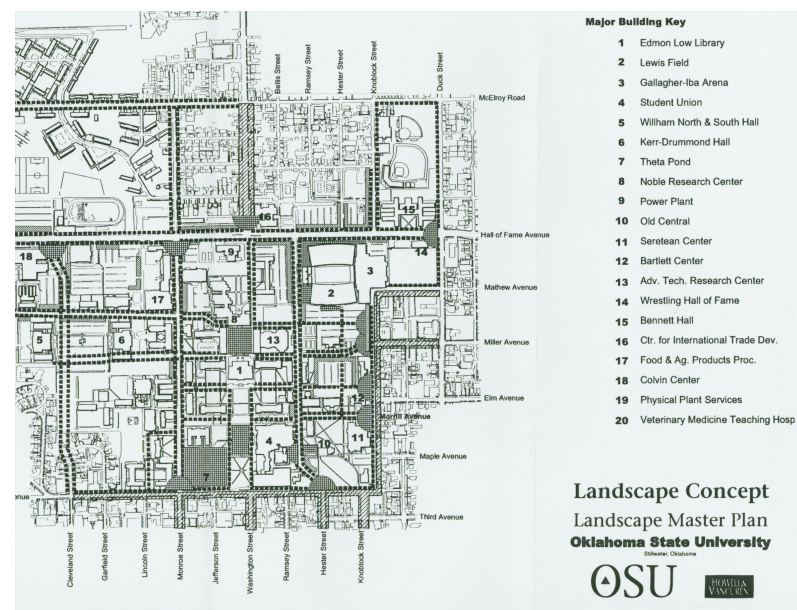
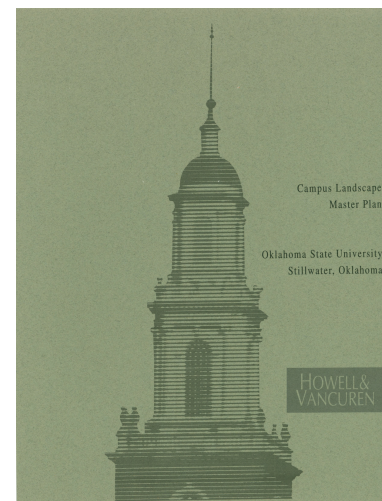
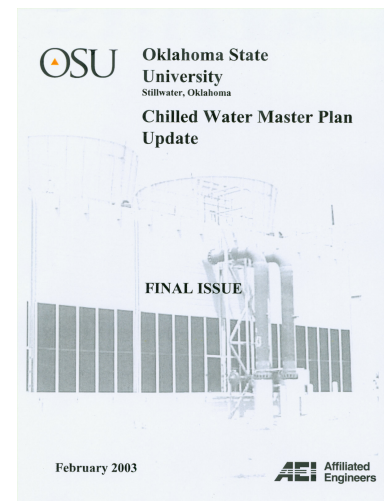
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6. Since the Facilities Planning Office will use the OSU Master Plan to develop a Capital Improvements Program, it is important to use more accurate projections of facility needs. Further the impact of OSU expansions in Tulsa and OKC should be considered carefully.
7. It is recommended that the athletic portion of the campus be included in the campus master planning process.
8. It is recommended that the Master Plan address transportation needs of motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. It will be very helpful if the Master Plan includes short-term (5-year) and intermediate-term (10-year) components that show the planned improvements, if any, to enhance access to the campus and traffic circulation within campus.
9. It is recommended that reports and opinions provided by consultants regarding traffic and parking be evaluated by an independent professional body to critique their analysis and underlying assumptions.
10. It is recommended that right-of-way be secured for expansion of key traffic corridors in land-locked areas – Hall of Fame is an example.
11. It is recommended that the findings of the “Stillwater Transportation Enhancement Study,” sponsored by OSU and the City of Stillwater, be evaluated for inclusion in the Master Plan.
12. It is recommended that buildings and land use be labeled on the Master Plan drawings to improve its comprehension and to identify important uses of space that may not be apparent without that labeling.”

Findings and Recommendations of the *Ad Hoc Committee for Evaluation of the OSU Master Plan* of the Campus Facilities, Safety and Security Committee of the Faculty Council by Professor Khaled Ghasem and Professor Charles Leider and others.

Taking into account the feedback from the OSU and Stillwater communities it is the immediate task of the LRFP group, following approval of the Master Plan 2025 by the Board of Regents, to develop a series of detailed planning appendices that will work with the approved document and support the OSU Strategic Plan. These appendices are:

- 1999 Landscape Master Plan review, update and integration
- Campus Utilities Corridors
- Vehicle, Bicycle and pedestrian systems
- Campus Art
- Campus Architectural Design Guidelines
- Wayfinding System Plan



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