Site Selection Process for College and Careers Building
Campus Planning, Design and Construction – May 2015

Project Goal:
To identify a location for the College and Careers Building by the end of the Spring 2015 term.

What is the College and Careers Building?
The College and Careers Building (CCB) is a 50,000-square-foot building that will serve as a home for the College of Arts and Sciences and the UO Career Center, and provide much-needed classrooms in the academic core of campus. The CCB is a one-of-a-kind facility dedicated to the long-term success of students majoring in the arts and sciences by establishing a centralized hub for students to directly connect their academic interests and future careers.

“This building will also help us recruit top students, as it underscores our commitment to helping them pursue degrees that fit their passions and also prepare for future career success.” – W. Andrew Marcus, interim Donald and Willie Tykeson Dean of Arts and Sciences.

What is the context for the Site Selection process?
The Site Selection process is coordinated with the UO Campus Physical Framework Vision Project (FVP), an 18-month-long campus planning initiative. Under the direction of a 14-member Advisory Group comprised of UO leadership, the FVP supplements the 2005 UO Campus Plan by bringing specificity to improvements in the open-space framework, indicating where uses should occur, and making recommendations that could result in updates to the Campus Plan.
What is the process for selecting a site for the CCB?

Several candidate sites within the academic core of campus are being considered for the project. UO sponsors for the project provided base information to Campus Planning staff and consulting planners on user needs and relevant evaluation criteria for the project. The consultant team compiled information on site characteristics and development feasibility, analyzed Campus Plan policies and patterns, the university’s Space Needs Plan, and user needs against evaluation criteria to assess the suitability of potential CCB sites. A report including a compendium of relevant data and analysis for each site is shared with the FVP Advisory Group.

The Advisory Group made a recommendation on a prospective site, with subsequent evaluation and an expert opinion by the FVP project consultant on site suitability and campus context.

Input from a focus group of nearby on-campus neighbors and stakeholders will serve as an additional source of information discovery and feedback on issues that inform site selection.

The university President will refer the site recommendation, with information compiled from the Advisory Group, expert opinion, and focus group, to the Space Advisory Group and Campus Planning Committee for their consideration and recommendations. The President will make the final siting decision.

What is the timeline for the Site Selection Process?

A decision on the location of project is scheduled for June 2015 at the end of the Spring term. It is expected that the work of the Framework Vision Project will continue through the end of 2015.

Information on the CCB site selection process is located on the UO Campus Physical Framework Vision Project website at: http://uplan.uoregon.edu/UOFrameworkVisionProj/UO_FVP.htm.

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