What are Planning Principles?

Interconnected, mission-driven goals that help guide the physical master planning process

- Tie the mission, vision, and values of the university with the physical plan
- Guide problem-solving and decisions
- Provide an important standard by which the plan and its implementation can be assessed
- Serve as guideposts for future development - provide continuity across generations of planning
Planning Principles

Five planning principles have emerged from a large cross-section of stakeholder engagement sessions to create a vision for UMKC’s campus that will support its students, faculty, staff, alumni and the large Kansas City community.

**Student Success**  
*Promote professional and social mobility for all learners*

**Resiliency and Stewardship**  
*Ensure stewardship of UMKC’s mission, facilities and campus community*

**Identity and Connectivity**  
*Celebrate the UMKC’s unique identity and role as an anchor institution in Kansas City*

**Physical Environment**  
*Elevate the quality and condition of buildings, landscape and streetscape*

**Impactful Engagement**  
*Advance engagement for the benefit of the community and the university*
Planning Principles

Student Success

Promote professional and social mobility for all learners

- Enhance student support spaces, career services, and health and wellness facilities to ensure student success and well-being.

- Provide high-quality and appropriate learning, research, study and living spaces that accommodate technology, flexible, modern instructional pedagogies, participation in applied learning and research, and support living and learning goals.

- Locate formal and informal student spaces throughout campus to support diverse learners, interdisciplinary collaboration, studying, socialization, and teamwork.

- Capitalize on UMKC’s urban location with a comprehensive health sciences district to promote real world experiences and applied learning opportunities that enable transformational impact, engaged citizens, and job placement.

- Create a vibrant, fun environment that results in a sense of pride from the UMKC community.
Planning Principles

Resiliency and Stewardship  
Ensure stewardship of UMKC’s mission, facilities and campus community

- Respond to higher education, economic and social needs in the State of Missouri and Kansas City
- Create an environment where individuals with diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives can find success in learning, teaching, research and engagement activities.
- Prioritize renewal and infill development opportunities and projects to densify campus and fulfill multiple academic, research and facility goals.
- Strategically align programs and facilities with budget and resources as they become available.
- Support social equity, sustainability, access and economic development.
Identity and Connectivity

Celebrate the UMKC’s unique identity and role as an anchor institution in Kansas City.

• Strengthen the collective UMKC identity through strategies that tie the campuses together and to the Kansas City community.

• Support a welcoming, diverse and inclusive campus.

• Develop and clarify the edges, centers and gateways for campus with a consistent character that communicates wayfinding and the UMKC identity.

• Improve east-west connections and bridge to our neighborhoods and community.

• Integrate UMKC’s setting with a growing city rich in technology, innovation, finance, research, art, government and healthcare.

• Leverage the streetcar extension to better connect with and to Kansas City.
Planning Principles

Physical Environment  
*Elevate the quality and condition of buildings, landscape and streetscape*

- Establish a flexible planning framework that can adapt to future needs and guide the development of the campus.
- Renovate and repurpose buildings and sites for their highest and best use.
- Prioritize investment where it will have the most transformative impact.
- Strengthen movement systems on campus: pedestrian, vehicular, bicycle, recreation and parking.
- Promote personal and pedestrian safety through clear sightlines and distinct intersections and crosswalks.
- Activate campus street corridors and open spaces. Better define our campus edges and define a series of centers within campus.
- Transform the indoor and outdoor environment and optimize greenspace on both campuses to promote vibrancy and collaboration.
- Strengthen environmental stewardship *(curriculum, research, buildings, landscape and infrastructure systems)*
Planning Principles

Impactful Engagement  Advance engagement for the benefit of the community and the university

• Advance a culture of innovation and interdisciplinary collaboration by developing shared spaces that inspire community, diversity of thought, partnerships, research, and equity.

• Support lifelong learning, delivered through an ever-evolving array of flexible, diverse, personalized formats on campus and in the community.

• Provide accessible and inclusive facilities on campus that accommodate all users – students, faculty, staff, visitors, communities, families, and patients.

• Leverage the arts, athletics, clinics, academic and outreach programs to provide transformational enhancements to social, cultural, health and economic prosperity.

• Utilize athletics to engage the UMKC and KC community and expand programs as an urban-serving university.

• Connect UMKC resources with partners to address community-identified needs and opportunities.