INTRODUCTION
In September 2008, Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (MIG), a planning and design consulting firm, began a 15-month process to develop a Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) for the University of Wyoming. In order to ensure that the LRDP reflects the needs and desires of the community at large, the planning process includes varied opportunities for community input. These include campus and community workshops, stakeholder interviews, comment cards, pages on the facilities planning website, and a November 22, 2008 tailgate party.

On November 6, 2008, MIG hosted the first of three Community and four Campus Workshops for the University of Wyoming Long Range Development Plan. The purpose of the meetings was: (a) to introduce the project to the campus and city community; (b) to review and discuss existing campus conditions including assets and issues related to land use, urban design, and mobility; and (c) to discuss future opportunities and directions for the UW campus.

This memo highlights the ideas and concepts provided by workshop participants and is organized by core elements. Detailed transcriptions of community comments are available under separate cover.

Background
The University of Wyoming, located in Laramie, Wyoming is a public, land grant institution and the only provider of baccalaureate and graduate education in the state; harboring over 180 programs of study as well as world-class research facilities. The original main campus west of 15th Street still plays host to the majority of classes and laboratories. Old Main, once containing the entire University, is now home to the Administration; and former dormitories on the west campus have been converted to additional office and classroom space.

The UW campus’s current design and configuration holds potential for development, redevelopment, infill and expansion as well as making key connections between the Main Campus, East Campus, and the Downtown. The purpose of the LRDP is to transform the campus into a more vibrant, livable place that is safe, pedestrian-friendly, functional, and aesthetically pleasing. The
LRDP will provide an opportunity to strengthen the sense of place on the UW Campus as well as guide and leverage campus development in a manner that will link existing areas and establish a unified identity for campus.

**Meeting Format**

Campus Workshop #1 occurred on November 6, 2008 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the Yellowstone Ballroom in the UW Union. Community Workshop #1 occurred on November 6, 2008 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Albany County Library. Outreach for both of the workshops included distribution of workshop fliers to all city residents by mail, public signage, emails, and direct contact with community members through stakeholder interviews that occurred in the weeks prior to the workshops. Upon entering the workshops and signing-in, each participant received an agenda and a comment card, which allowed participants to submit written comments to the project team.

Daniel Iacofano of MIG served as workshop facilitator. Roger Baalman, Director of UW Facility Planning provided welcoming remarks and background information about the rationale for the project. At the Campus Workshop, Daniel Iacofano along with Mukul Malhotra, Jay Renkens, Jeremy Klop, and Celeste Cizik provided an overview of the workshop objectives and presented a power point presentation that reviewed the project background, scope, schedule, and existing conditions for the Campus. They also reviewed assets and issues related to land use, urban design and circulation. At the Community Workshop Daniel Iacofano was the sole presenter to allow more time for discussion.

Participants then provided feedback about existing conditions and future directions through a discussion facilitated by Daniel Iacofano and recorded by the MIG team (Mukul Malhotra, Jay Renkens, and Dawn Sharpnack) on a large wallgraphic paper at the front of the room. Participants’ submitted feedback from the discussion on comment cards. A photo-reduced copy of the wallgraphic from both the Campus and the Community Workshop is attached at the end of this report.

**DISCUSSION**

**Vision and Opportunities**

Participants suggested the following future directions for the UW campus:

- Making campus universally accessible to all pedestrians
- Protecting pedestrians from the harsh Wyoming elements
- Making pedestrian-ways well connected and safe:
  - To Downtown
  - Across 15th
- Making pedestrian-ways well connected to amenities through:
  - Public transit
  - Bike lanes
Pedestrian walkways
- Enhancing the unique character of campus
- Improving connectivity to surrounding neighborhoods
- Enhancing a sense of place by maintaining historic core
- Strengthening campus and community partnerships
- Creating a visitor friendly campus
- Creating multiple destinations for residents and visitors
- Making a multi-modal east-west connection a(n):
  - Affordable option
  - Good alternative
- Emphasizing unique campus building character
- Emphasizing a sense of history through historic buildings
- Preserving and creating appropriate open spaces
- Being proactive about sustainable building design by:
  - Re-using existing buildings
  - Emphasizing the natural character of the landscape using native plants
- Preserving and enhancing campus open green spaces

Existing Assets
Participants supported and suggested the following existing assets of the UW campus:
- Urban/Campus design
  - Links to adjacent neighborhoods
  - Remote shuttle lots
  - Entry plazas
  - Walkability
- Landscape architecture
  - Prexy’s Pasture, southwest campus open space, Fraternity Mall
  - Detention ponds - “wild” & natural
  - Recreation – Half Acre & fields
  - Natural areas east of Jacoby
  - The Arena
  - Ivinson Street (retain trees)
- Architecture
  - Historic buildings
    - Preservation
    - Sustainability
  - New construction (e.g. expanded library)
  - Art museum
  - Maintenance of existing buildings
Challenges
Participants shared their ideas about issues that exist today on the UW campus:

- Difficult crossings
- Access to central campus
- Getting to airport for students
- Conflicts between different transportation users
- Bikes on west campus
- Cemetery
  - Fencing
- Parking options & tickets
- Events parking
- Impact of perimeter parking on neighbors
- City’s maintenance costs
  - Infrastructure
  - UW impacts on City systems (water source)
  - Competing parking needs during simultaneous events
- Harsh climate
- Limited tax base in Albany county
  - UW acquisitions take parcels of roles
- Students are distributed throughout community
- Summit view apartments
- Adequate services-childcare

Opportunities

- Design guidelines that strengthen sense of place
- Historic preservation and adaptive re-use of historic buildings
  - Old Ivinson hospital on Ivinson Street
  - Old power plant on Lewis Street
- Universal design
- Increased Campus sustainability
- Energy conservation
  - Scheduling
  - Thermostats
- Landscape around new and existing structures (increased native plantings and/or xeriscaping)
- Preserve and add trees
- Improve access to recreational fields
- Connections between UW and downtown through transit and pedestrian ways
- Ped/bike connections
  - Across 15th, to east campus and to neighborhoods
- Multi-modal paths and roadways
Segregate transit modes in conflict areas
  o Designated bike paths (get on & go)
  o Prexy’s Pasture/Ivinson

Transit to community destinations all times of day
Better utilization of parking lots
Additional “shuttle” parking lots
  o Satellite/remote lots

Bike racks on shuttles
Car-free streets
  o Shuttles, bikes, peds
  o 15th (Ivinson to Willett)
  o Willett (15th to 22nd)
  o Harney (15th to 22nd)

Student housing in upper floors of Downtown buildings
Affordable student housing
Privately developed student housing
Student services on east campus
Coffee shops on west campus
Dining for visitors
Campus/community utility partnerships

NEXT STEPS
In closing the workshop, project team members explained that two additional community workshops and three campus workshops will occur in the coming months to review design alternatives and the Draft LRDP.
CAMPUS WORKSHOP AGENDA

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

CAMPUS WORKSHOP #1: FUTURE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES
NOVEMBER 6TH, 2008 • 3:30 – 5:30 P.M. • WYOMING UNION, YELLOWSTONE BALLROOM – 220A

AGENDA

3:30 P.M.  I. WELCOME AND OVERVIEW:
A. Welcome, Roger Baalman, Director, Facilities Planning,
B. University of Wyoming
C. Team Introduction
D. Meeting Purpose

II. REVIEW OF LRDP PURPOSE & PROCESS:
A. Major Goals & Key Components
B. Overall Scope, Schedule and Milestones
C. Opportunities for Campus Involvement

III. A BRIEF HISTORY OF PLANNING FOR THE UW CAMPUS:

IV. DISCUSSION OF OPPORTUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK:
A. Overall campus assets and favorite places
B. Issues and Opportunities
   1. Campus Open Spaces
   2. Transportation and Parking
   3. Campus Services and Amenities
   4. Sustainability
   5. Student Housing
   6. Campus Character and Identity
   7. Campus Edges and Streetscapes

V. SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS:
A. Announcements
B. Future Workshops
   1. Campus Workshop #2 -- Feb 26th, 2009
   2. Campus Workshop #3 – April 30th, 2009
   3. Campus Workshop #4 – Oct 29th, 2009

5:30 P.M.  MEETING CLOSE
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1: FUTURE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES
NOVEMBER 6TH, 2008 • 7 – 9 P.M. • ALBANY COUNTY LIBRARY, LARGE ROOM

AGENDA

7 P.M.
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9 P.M.  MEETING CLOSE
**COMMENT CARD**

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**WORKSHOP: FUTURE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES • NOVEMBER 6TH, 2008**

**COMMENT CARD**

The University recently initiated a landmark project that will guide the long-term physical development of the Laramie campus for the next 20 years. The Long Range Development Plan will provide an overarching framework for development, connectivity, open space, and supporting campus services.

The Plan will provide guidance for future development opportunities such as expansion of research and development facilities and new student housing. Physical and policy recommendations will help strengthen the traditional west campus and chart a course for the future of campus property east of 15th Street.

The planning process will conclude during the fall semester of 2008. The final document will include text and graphics that provide a flexible physical planning and decision-making framework to accommodate the development of the University's research, teaching, residential and recreational priorities and programs.

This Comment Card is provided for your convenience. Please provide additional written comments below and return the comment card at the end of the meeting.

**Thank You!**

**PART A: WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE PLACES ON CAMPUS? WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER TO BE THE MAJOR ASSETS OF THE UW CAMPUS?**

**PART B: WHAT ARE THE KEY PHYSICAL PLANNING CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES NOW AND IN THE FUTURE?**

1. Campus Open Spaces:

2. Transportation and Parking (i.e., automobiles, shuttles, transit, bicycles & pedestrians):

3. Campus Services and Amenities (such as shops, gathering areas, recreation, sports fields, etc.):

4. Sustainability (including energy utilization, building systems, campus operations, etc.):

5. Student Housing:

6. Campus Character and Identity:

7. Campus Edges and Streetscapes (including Grand, Ivinson, 9th, Horney, 30th, Willet, 22nd):

8. Campus-Community Relationships:

9. Other:
PART C: OUTREACH INFORMATION
How did you hear about today’s workshop?

Are there additional methods of advertising the workshops that would be more effective?

What best describes you? (please check all that apply)
- Student
- Staff
- Faculty
- Researcher
- Alumni
- Community Member
- City/Agency Staff

What area of Laramie do you live in?
- Central
- North
- South
- East
- West
- Albany County
- None

How long have you lived in Laramie/Albany County? ___

Please provide your name and email address if you would like to receive notices and updates throughout the planning process.

Name (optional) ________________________________

Email (optional) ________________________________

PART D: ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Please hand in your comment card as you leave the meeting or send it to:
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Laramie, WY 82071