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Dear friends, faculty, staff, and students of UIC,

The 2010 UIC Campus Master Plan, Framework for the Future, is the culmination of nearly two years of critical self-examination, engaged discourse, and insightful exchanges of opinion. Our master planning process sought the input of the campus community within and beyond our borders through a combination of committee discussions, town hall meetings, individual interviews, group engagements, student-led courses, and open houses.

As you will see, the plan creates a flexible framework to guide the future physical development of the campus as funding and needs prescribe. This summary describes the objectives of the Campus Master Plan, juxtaposes the campus of today with that of the future, and articulates major planning directions for both the East and West Sides. Major gateways; the focal open spaces, or cores, of each side of campus; and the relationship with the surrounding community are identified.

The plan anticipates open space development, facilities growth and replacement, infrastructure upgrades, and landscape improvements that will unify and beautify the campus. Immediate Impact Projects that could reasonably be achieved in the near future are proposed as a starting point when funding becomes available. The document highlights UIC’s commitment to sustainability and concludes with a message from the 2010 UIC Campus Master Planning Team. Implementation of the plan will help UIC to express, through its physical presence, its unique mission.

We thank you all for your participation, your vision, and your hard work.

Sincerely,

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“The UIC Campus of the Future will be a public destination that integrates the learning environment for scholarship with the urban vitality of a global Chicago. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, collaborators, visitors, neighbors, donors, friends and potential development partners, and other stakeholders will experience a vibrant campus – featuring sustainable buildings and landscapes – that engages the learner, satisfies the curious, inspires the creative, and attracts the passerby.”

UIC Campus Master Plan Vision Statement
Master Plan Advisory Committee
November 26, 2008
Guided by the goals of UIC strategic planning, the Campus Master Plan aspires to create a physical environment that will become a destination for students, faculty, staff, and visitors, fully supporting UIC’s role as one of the nation’s premier urban public research universities.

COHESION & CLARITY

INTEGRATE BUILDINGS & OPEN SPACES
The Campus Master Plan will present a cohesive urban campus that maintains significant green spaces with clear connections to buildings. The quality of the campus environment will align with UIC’s deeply held principle of “Access to Excellence.”

DEFINE & ESTABLISH THE CAMPUS CORE
At the core of each side of campus will be a premier open space where people will want to gather, exchange ideas, participate in activities, or simply enjoy campus life.

DEFINE ENTRY POINTS & EDGES
Located in the heart of the city and surrounded for the most part by open borders, UIC is already an accessible urban campus. New gateways at major points of entry to the campus will announce our presence more clearly. These locations and all campus boundaries will feature an enhanced campus landscape, consistent new signage, and signature identity elements.
CONNECTIONS

REINFORCE PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION
Every aspect of the pedestrian experience, especially relationships with vehicles and bicycles, will be improved to ease movement throughout campus. Solutions will address conflicts between heavily-used pedestrian paths and city streets, and a new wayfinding system will guide visitors to their destinations.

CONNECT PUBLIC SPACES
Greenways will connect existing and new outdoor public spaces, providing a safe and welcoming environment campus-wide.

PROVIDE CONNECTIVE TRANSIT
UIC will develop a unified transportation network linking campus gateways with city bike routes, major bus routes, and mass transit stations. New and improved campus bus and bike routes will facilitate travel between the East and West Sides. Many new facilities will be located close to major rapid transit stations to make the usage of mass transit convenient.

IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
The Campus Master Plan will articulate sustainable environmental strategies to conserve land, energy, and water and to improve air quality.

SENSE OF PLACE

DEFINE VISUAL IDENTITY
The Campus Master Plan will treat the East and West Sides as a single integrated campus. Unified exterior aesthetics, including new signage and consistent landscape and architecture, will identify the campus as UIC.

CREATE MEANINGFUL OPEN SPACES
A coherent and attractive network of all-season, sustainable open spaces will feature sculpture and other public art. All open spaces will be purposefully planned from the pedestrian perspective to enrich the experience of an urban university.

REMOVE BARRIERS & DEFINE BOUNDARIES
Green space throughout campus will be easily accessible, encouraging recreation and socialization. Clearly identified open boundaries will facilitate back-and-forth flow between UIC and the surrounding neighborhoods.

ENCOURAGE ACTIVITIES 24/7
A critical mass of on-campus residential options will support a vibrant 24/7 community, promoting interaction and collaboration among the diverse populations of UIC. Designated zones on each side of campus, selected on the basis of location, proximity of resources and amenities, and safety, will host a range of academic and social activities during extended hours.
EXISTING CAMPUS

Aerial photograph courtesy of U.S. Geological Survey.
BUILDING LEGEND

1. GRADUATE STUDENT HOUSING (300)
2. DISABILITY, HEALTH, & SOCIAL POLICY REPLACEMENT BUILDING
3. WOOD STREET PARKING ADDITION
4. CLINICAL TOWER
5. FUTURE REPLACEMENT HOSPITAL - MEDICAL CENTER GATEWAY
6. INTERMODAL STATION: PARKING & CTA
7. NEW POWER PLANT
8. ADVANCED PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH BUILDING
9. MIXED-USE MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING
10. BUSINESS - AITS OFFICE BUILDING
11. ACADEMIC ADDITION
12. PAULINA STREET GARAGE ADDITION
13. TEACHING-LEARNING-RESEARCH 1A - ACADEMIC GATEWAY
14. TEACHING-LEARNING-RESEARCH 1B
15. TEACHING-LEARNING-RESEARCH 2
16. TEACHING-LEARNING-RESEARCH 3
17. EYE & EAR INSTITUTE
18. 13TH STREET PARKING STRUCTURE
19. AMBULATORY CARE 2
20. AMBULATORY CARE 1
21. PATHOLOGY CENTER
22. MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING

OPEN SPACE LEGEND

A. ARTHINGTON MALL
B. COLLEGE OF MEDICINE COURTYARD
C. MEDICAL SCIENCES COURTYARD
D. RECREATION
E. HEALTH SCIENCES COMMONS
F. HEALTH SCIENCES GREENWAY
G. POWER GROVE
H. TLR COURTYARD
I. SOUTH ROOSEVELT GREENWAY
J. RECREATION
BUILDING LEGEND

23. FACULTY-GRADUATE STUDENT HOUSING
24. HARRISON STREET PARKING STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT
25. ACADEMIC BUILDINGS
26. ART & DESIGN HALL
27. COLLEGE OF URBAN PLANNING & PUBLIC AFFAIRS
28. CLASSROOM-OFFICE-LABORATORY 1
29. CLASSROOM-OFFICE-LABORATORY 2
30. COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
31. UIC-HALSTED CTA STATION REPLACEMENT
32. ART & ARCHITECTURE ADDITION
33. STUDENT DINING FACILITY ADDITION
34. UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT HOUSING (300)
35. LIBRARY ADDITIONS
36. QUAD PAVILION B
37. QUAD PAVILION E
38. ALUMNI CENTER
39. HALSTED STREET PARKING STRUCTURE ADDITION
40. HULL HOUSE MUSEUM ADDITION
41. STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING
42. CLASSROOM-OFFICE-LABORATORY 3 & PARKING
43. ILLINOIS REGIONAL ARCHIVE DEPOSITORY
44. UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT HOUSING (700)
45. ADVANCED CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING
46. LABORATORY BUILDING
47. PLANT RESEARCH LAB & PLANTING AREAS
48. MULTI-PURPOSE CITY GATEWAY BUILDING
49. FUTURE STUDENT HOUSING (400)
50. MAXWELL STREET PARKING STRUCTURE ADDITION

OPEN SPACE LEGEND

K. BURNHAM PLAZA
L. UNIVERSITY GATEWAY
M. HULL-HOUSE URBAN FARM
N. UNIVERSITY HALL PLAZA
P. UNIVERSITY COMMONS
Q. THE QUAD
R. JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL GARDEN
S. THE GROVE
T. SOUTH QUAD
U. PLANT RESEARCH LAB GREENHOUSE
V. ATHLETIC FIELDS
The East Side will continue its evolution from the walled commuter campus of the 1960s to the open and welcoming urban university landscape that is UIC.

Redevelopment will begin with the renewal of two significant open spaces – The Quad, located at the heart of the Lecture Centers, and The Grove, immediately south of Science and Engineering Offices. These areas will be repurposed to become more active, more unified, and more inviting. Fences, walls, and excess paving will go away to be replaced by new landscaping marked by focal elements such as fountains or public art. The creation of new open spaces, perimeter building districts, and strategic infill will follow.

Well-identified campus entrances will take on new life. The UIC-Halsted CTA Station, which serves as the primary point of entry for a myriad of daily visitors, will lead to a major new development via the University Gateway, while visitors reaching UIC from the east along Roosevelt Road will pass through a significant, welcoming entrance called the City Gateway.
The University Gateway represents an updating of a major campus entryway. The new gateway will encompass the current walks leading to the East Side from the UIC-Halsted CTA Station and neighborhoods to the north.

A prominent UIC marker will immediately situate all who arrive from that direction, and a water feature will enliven the area, contributing to a sense of place.
New academic buildings are proposed for the land to the east and west of the University Gateway, currently the locations of a large grassy field and a large campus parking lot. The functions that now reside across the expressway in CUPPA Hall and Art & Design Hall will move to the upper floors of the new buildings, while the lower floors will house retail amenities.

These mixed-use additions will enhance the sense of community in this part of campus, strengthening the link to Greektown and the adjoining neighborhoods.
The City Gateway will extend along Roosevelt Road from the Dan Ryan Expressway to Halsted Street, announcing the UIC presence on this major thoroughfare linking the Museum Campus and the lakefront to the western suburbs.
Drivers will know they have reached UIC from the highly visible new UIC marker. To slow down traffic and decrease pedestrian-vehicular conflicts in this heavily used area, boulevard streetscape improvements will include the addition of a sustainably landscaped median strip as well as clearly marked crosswalks.

Close to transit and on-campus parking, this city/campus crossroads location is an ideal site for a new public multi-purpose facility. This building will support and expand the programming of the UIC Forum to the south and together these buildings will help define the City Gateway.
The Quad owes its prime location in the middle of the Lecture Centers to campus architect Walter Netsch, who planned this area as the center of campus life. Today it is still the heart and the hub of the East Side. Students, faculty, and staff crisscross the Quad throughout the day headed in all directions, and informal gatherings abound.

A series of adjustments can increase the heartbeat and the energy of the Quad. The Campus Master Plan proposes opening up the area, allowing it to link more directly to the rest of campus, by slightly reducing the size of Lecture Centers B and E. The newly acquired exterior space will accommodate a better balance of pavement and plants. The addition of shade trees, outdoor seating, and an active water feature will encourage people to pause and enjoy the area more.

College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs students propose windows looking out on the Quad for the remodeled Lecture Centers B and E. By revealing what is happening inside, the buildings will give passersby a reason to pause and look in. Meaningful additions to these spaces, again suggested by the students, include the campus radio station and a café. Both will generate more foot traffic and provide a reason to linger, enhancing the 24/7 sense of place.
The densely developed West Side is typical of many urban medical centers. The Campus Master Plan identifies ways to open up, connect, and enhance the various areas within UIC’s health sciences campus. The creation of gateways in prime locations, signature open spaces, and reinvigorated streetscapes will unify the West Side and at the same time distinguish it within the Illinois Medical District.

Major gateways are proposed to anchor UIC along two main West Side thoroughfares. The Academic Health Gateway on Ashland at Taylor and the Medical Center Gateway on Roosevelt Road near Paulina illustrate how UIC can take greater advantage of its presence on major thoroughfares. The Health Sciences Commons represents the first major new green space on the West Side since the original master plan of 1920. The Medical Sciences Greenway will transform large swaths of paved parking lots into an inviting shaded pathway for those walking between Wood Street and Marshfield Avenue.

Signature identifiers such as signage, light poles, seating, and banners will further enhance all of these areas, communicating This Is UIC.
A new building-as-gateway is proposed for the intersection of Taylor Street and Ashland Avenue, continuing the street wall created by the Molecular Biology Research Building to the north. The new building will be the first of a three-phase Teaching-Learning-Research complex, establishing the Academic Health Gateway to the West Side. The tripartite mission of the new structure will promote and support integrated programming among all six health sciences colleges.
Forming both an edge and a portal, the new gateway will clearly announce the presence of UIC at this busy urban crossroads. The structure’s pass-through design will accommodate vehicles as well as pedestrians headed to and from the restaurants and businesses along Taylor Street, which will become the major artery connecting the two sides of campus.
As the Medical Center moves more of its operations to the south, eventually constructing a replacement hospital facing Roosevelt Road, the new hospital will become the heart of the Medical Center Gateway to UIC.
For drivers heading west along Roosevelt Road, the gateway will commence at Paulina Street, where the CTA proposes to situate a new Pink Line station. The Campus Master Plan recommends creating a campus hub here by expanding the “L” stop to become an intermodal transit site with vehicle and bicycle parking as well as retail amenities.

The future hospital to the north and proposed new medical buildings to the south will form the University of Illinois Medical Center corridor, affirming the university’s presence along this important east-west thoroughfare.
Construction of the future replacement hospital along Roosevelt Road will free up the site of the existing hospital on Taylor Street, providing an opportunity rare among urban medical centers – the chance to create a large landscaped open space. The proposed new Health Sciences Commons will serve as an oasis within the health sciences campus, linking to new greenway proposed for adjoining areas.
IMMEDIATE IMPACT PROJECTS

Immediate Impact Projects will begin the transformation of the campus envisioned by the longer term concepts of the Campus Master Plan. Even if, for the foreseeable future, fiscal constraints hinder UIC’s capacity to fund major building projects, more modest ideas requiring nominal capital investment can begin to have a significant impact now. It is time to harness the momentum of the Campus Master Planning process, redirecting it towards implementation.

The existing campus plan below indicates all of the Immediate Impact Projects, and several are described in detail on the following pages. Most incorporate a number of smaller elements which can be undertaken separately.

**Landscapes**
- a. Taylor-Wood Landscape
- b. College of Medicine Courtyard
- c. Medical Sciences Courtyard
- d. Health Sciences Greenway
- e. Ashland/Taylor Lots G/K Green Gate
- f. The Grove
- g. The Quad
- h. University Commons
- i. Science & Engineering Gateway
- j. Greening of Existing Parking Lots

**Vehicular-Pedestrian Conflict Zones**
- l. Wood & Taylor Intersection
- m. Wolcott & Marshfield Closures
- n. Wood & Paulina Streets Narrowing
- o. Halsted & Roosevelt Intersection
- p. Harrison & Peoria Crossing

**Streetscapes (Identity & Elements)**
- q. Taylor Street - West Side
- r. Wood Street - West Side
- s. Paulina Street - West Side

**Streetscapes (Identity & Elements)**
- t. Halsted Street - East Side
- u. Taylor Street - East Side
- v. Gateway Markers
- w. Street Furnishings (throughout)
- x. Lighting (throughout)

**Connectors**
- y. Improved Campus Shuttle Routes
- z. Add Bike Routes
The Grove at the corner of Taylor and Morgan Streets is the largest and most inviting planned green space on the East Side, yet it is nearly inaccessible due to the tall iron fence that surrounds it. The Campus Master Plan recommends immediate removal of the perimeter fencing so members of the UIC community as well as neighbors and friends can more fully enjoy the area.

Recommended enhancements to the garden include selectively pruning the vegetation, adding new plants, redesigning the interior pathways, relocating the historic granite benches, and adding warmer, more inviting seating to the area.
UNIVERSITY COMMONS

UIC is in discussions to acquire the 35,000 square foot, brick-walled site of the decommissioned ComEd substation that stands in a central location on the East Side. Acquisition of this land will present a tremendous opportunity for expanding the open space between University Hall and the Architecture and Art building. The Campus Master Plan envisions this area as the University Commons.

With the demolition and clean-up of the site and the transfer of the property to UIC, the open space in this prime area of campus will nearly double, easily accommodating a generous expanse of lawn for outdoor events as well as native plant gardens, sustainable water drainage, and geothermal wells as needed in the future.
The Medical Sciences Courtyard stands within the original two-square-block medical campus which has evolved and grown to become UIC. Surrounded by the College of Medicine Research Building, the Neuropsychiatric Institute, the Medical Center Administration Building, and the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Center, the Courtyard represents a crossroads that is traversed daily by untold numbers of pedestrians.

In view of its age and central location, the Courtyard will benefit from immediate improvements. The Campus Master Plan proposes selectively pruning the vegetation, adding new plants, lighting, and seating, and redesigning the interior pathways.

This image illustrates some of the landscape colors available in winter. Evergreen trees and berry-filled bushes will brighten an otherwise drab winter campus.
The street grid that was removed during the construction of UIC’s East Side remains relatively intact on the West Side. Greenways are a way to create a more campus-like atmosphere within the street grid.

The proposed **Health Sciences Greenway** is a tree-lined, landscaped walkway running east and west between the Molecular Biology Research Building and the College of Pharmacy. Removal of existing parking lots will open up the space to accommodate the new walkway, which will cross Paulina Street and adjoin the proposed new **Health Sciences Commons**.
The enhanced image looking north along Paulina from Taylor Street presents identity elements and streetscape treatments proposed for both sides of campus. The goal of these new features is to communicate a consistent, recognizable UIC look for both the East and West Sides.

Proposed changes include a new campus-wide signage program, standardized seating that is warm and inviting, and trash receptacles that coordinate with the new seating. Bio-swales, reflecting the campus commitment to sustainability, will enhance portions of surface parking lots and strips of land recouped after street narrowing. The addition of trees to streets within the grid will provide shade and increase the beauty of the urban campus.

The Campus Master Plan recommends improved, more energy efficient exterior lighting whenever replacements are made. Light pole banners featuring the approved UIC logo and colors will enliven every streetscape while serving as a cohesive campus identifier.
Informed by the UIC Climate Action Plan, the 2010 Campus Master Plan reflects UIC’s overall commitment to increasing sustainability.

**ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING DESIGN**

All new buildings envisioned by the Campus Master Plan will be expected to meet the LEED Silver sustainability standard. The recent achievement of LEED Gold certification for renovations to Lincoln Hall demonstrates that the new standard is just a minimum expectation.

**SUSTAINABLE GROWTH**

With the exception of the projected expansion of the Medical Center, UIC will plan future growth on land that it already owns. New construction will incorporate space for units now housed beyond UIC boundaries so that they can return to campus.
TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS
UIC will reduce the number of students, faculty, and staff driving to campus through a combination of parking management, incentives, expanded public transportation, car sharing programs, improved bicycle facilities, and pedestrian networks.

LESS SURFACE PARKING
To increase the attractiveness of our urban campus, the Campus Master Plan recommends the removal of nearly all surface parking, a goal that can be achieved through the expanded use of parking structures. In the plan, current parking lots represent placeholders for future open space and building sites.

IMPROVED LANDSCAPES
Future campus landscape design will incorporate native plants, minimize the amount of water and fuel used in maintenance, reduce the use of fertilizer and pesticides, and address issues of storm water runoff.

Lincoln Hall Photovoltaic Panel Installation
Thank you for spending time with the ideas highlighted in this Framework for the Future. The concepts and projects described here are merely examples of what is possible at UIC in the immediate and the longer term. The full Framework for the Future: The 2010 UIC Campus Master Plan is a much longer, more detailed compendium of ideas which can be found on the Campus Master Planning Web site: http://www.uic.edu/master_plan/

Our goal in providing this executive summary is to inform and inspire everyone who cares about UIC and its future as “the nation’s premier urban public research university.” We encourage all of you to look around and consider how you might become involved in supporting and implementing the improvements proposed for our unique urban campus. We welcome your continued interest and, even more, your ongoing participation.

At the same time we extend a challenge: How can this guiding document of today become a living document that informs and inspires those who will follow us over the next quarter century? In many instances, it will be up to future generations of UIC students, faculty, staff, and friends to seize the opportunities identified here.

Please help keep these ideas alive by making them part of your ongoing campus-wide conversations, by partnering to implement ideas, and by regularly revisiting the Framework for the Future and asking, “What is possible next? ”

To all of you, the 2010 UIC Campus Master Planning Team offers its heartfelt thanks.
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