

I. Call to Order 7:08pm.

II. Recognition of Senators

III. Special Guest/Speaker

- a. Sarah Woulfin spoke to the Senate about the use qualitative methods in our respective fields. She is on the committee within NEAG and would like to get information. She will be sending out a brief survey that she would like for us to take:
<http://goo.gl/forms/h7hwX1TYGT> . Any questions can be sent to Sarah.Woulfin@uconn.edu. Senator Gutierrez asked about what curriculum she had in mind and she mentioned data collection and data analysis.
- b. Beverly Wood presented the comprehensive master planning that will be happening at UConn. There was graduate concern about the possibility of graduate housing. Right now it does not seem to be in the short term goals of the university. Concerns about parking and traffic were also brought up.

IV. Approval of Minutes: 22 October 2014 approved

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

- a. Vice President Election
 - i. Each of the candidates gave a talk about why they want to be vice president. The Senate asked questions and the candidates left the room. The Senate then deliberated on the candidate. The final vote was 14-13 in favor of Talea Cornelius.
- b. GAA Special Allocation Request
 - i. *GSS 14/15-4*: That the Graduate Student Senate allocate \$870.00 to the Graduate Art Alliance, for their event "Gladys. A life of confinement"
 1. Senator Behandish gave a description of the talk about the performance space, Ballard museum of puppetry. It is free for all and is going to be very interesting.
- c. Bus Motion
 - i. Carmen Britton presented a motion to the Senate about the current bus situation.

1. *GSS 14/15-5*: That the Graduate Student Senate present this letter in support of increasing the off-campus bus service

VII. Executive Committee Reports

- a. President – Jason Charrette
 - i. Update – it is expected that in 2015-2016 the deficit will be 0 included all fringe benefit rates. This is including any potential increasing changes and they have considered all possibilities.
- b. Treasurer – Michael Ambroselli
 - i. Budget Info Session – no financial statement, scheduling first Dec 5 – 8:30-12 in the GSS office SU 213
 - ii. SASFAC fee hearings coming up, public full day meetings, this may be of interest to anyone running for treasurer,
 - iii. Finance Committee- not planned to meet this semester, once have budgets submitted we will be meeting
- c. Communications Director – Danielle Wong
 - i. Attendance
 - ii. Committee Report Form
 - iii. GSS Survey
 - iv. Next Meeting: December 3rd
- d. Activities Director – Nicole Flaig
 - i. Halloween Party Wrap-up
 - ii. Thanksgiving Dinner
- e. Parliamentarian – Pat Butler
 - i. Procedures Committee
 - ii. Presidential and treasurer adjust the pay of the president treasurer of the month

VIII. External Committee Reports

IX. Issues Forum

- a. Election process - Eric Simning
 - i. Eric brought up a question about the election process. From an outsider perspective he felt like the election was biased. He believes that the system

should change. Different senators (Amponsah, Hutson, Molo, C.Coleman) brought up suggestions that maybe exec should not be able to weigh in, maybe have someone represent the candidates when they leave the room, maybe have a voting system, having candidates circulate a bio, and not letting late attendees able to vote. The conversation was a heated discussion and ended with the suggestions be sent to Pat.

- ii. Claire Coleman - MFA – Open Studios 5-9pm at Lebanon College
- iii. Nicole Coleman – 2-6pm College Application Professional Development Seminar

X. Adjournment at 9:25pm.

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
University of Connecticut

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Attendance

Attendance: Senators			
Department / Tier II Group	Name	Initial	Email
Animal Science	Meera Surendran Nair	ma	meera.nair@uconn.edu
Anthropology	Michelle San Pedro	ms	Michelle.sanpedro@uconn.edu
Civil and Environmental Engineering	Valeri Kolev		
	Asif Rehan		
Communications	Karen Piantek		
Economics	Xiupeng Wang	XW	Xiupeng.wang@uconn.edu
	Jun He		
Educational Leadership (UCSAA)	Huong Nguyen		
Educational Leadership (NGSA)	Mike Mudrick		
Educational Psychology	Ashley Wisniewski	aw	ashley.wisniewski@uconn.edu
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	Michael Hutson	MH	michael.hutson@uconn.edu
	Kaitlin Gallagher		
English	Brandon Benevento	BB	jobbenevento@gmail.com
	George Moore		
Graduate Art Alliance	Claire Coleman	CC	claire.coleman@uconn.edu
Graduate Art History Society	Betty Lou Starnes	BS	betty.starnes@uconn.edu
	Hannah Kennedy		
Graduate Students of Color Association	Shanna Graham		
	Dana Miranda		
Human Development & Family Studies	Carmen Britton	CB	Carmen.britton@uconn.edu
	Reza Amin		
Iranian Cultural Organization	Sajad Mirzaei		
	Nicole Coleman	NC	nicole.coleman@uconn.edu
LANGSA/LCL	Ruth Z. Yuste Alonso	RYA	ruth.yuste-alonso@uconn.edu
	Abigail Thorton	AT	abigail.thorton@uconn.edu
Linguistics	Megg Goodrich		
Medieval Studies	Anthony Patelunas		
Molecular and Cellular Biology			

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Philosophy	Jordan Ochs	JO	jordan.ochs@uconn.edu
Plastics Engineers	Gregory Treich		
Political Science	Thomas Briggs	TB	thomas.briggs@uconn.edu
	Vanessa Lovelace		
Psychology	Ian Gutierrez	IG	ian.gutierrez@uconn.edu
	Talea Cornelius	TC	talea.cornelius@uconn.edu
	Andy Tucker	AT	andy.tucker@uconn.edu
Senator at Large	Anees Ahmed		
Sociology	Heidi Obach		
George & SAGE	Morad Behandish	M.B.	m.behandish@uconn.edu
Health & Resource Economics	Kobay Anpoush	K.A.	kwabena.anpoush@uconn.edu
George & ARE	Dickens Molo	D.M.	dickens.molo@uconn.edu
Health Science	ARUN KUMAR MK	AMK	arun.mannedi.karakkimodi@uconn.edu
Human Geography			
Human Psychology	Tonesic Beverly	T.B.	Tonesic.beverly@uconn.edu
Physics	Phillip Price	P.P.	phillip.price@uconn.edu

Attendance: Non Senators			
Department / Tier II Group	Name	Initial	Email
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SAGE	Paul Wortman	PAW	paul.wortman@engr.uconn.edu
AGECON	Eric Simning	ES	esimning@gmail.com
IFTSA	Deepthi Karunathilak	DPR	DEEPTI.KARUNATHILAK@uconn.edu
Physics	Mike Vinder	MV	mikevinder@gmail.com
TARANG	Sriram Vignayan	S.V	Sriram.vignayan@uconn.edu
Political Science	Ross Dardani	RAD	rossdardani@uconn.edu

University of Connecticut Graduate Student Senate Motion/Resolution

Letter in support for increased Off-Campus Student Transportation

Approximately 13,000 University of Connecticut Storrs campus students live off-campus^{1,2}. Over 6,000 graduate students live off campus¹, with numerous graduate employees and students relying on the WRTD Willimantic-Storrs bus service. This service has been under increasing pressure since UConn no longer accepts graduate residents³. Consistent overcrowding, infrequent peak-hour morning bus services, and the lack of a late night bus service hinder the ability of graduate employees and students to fulfil their professional duties and educational requirements, as well as reducing their quality of life and their ability to contribute to and partake in UConn's campus culture. This lack of access hinders campus safety and discriminates against international students, who make up 24 percent of the total student population⁴ and are largely reliant on public transportation.

The University of Connecticut Graduate Student Senate advocates for an investment in the infrastructure of the public transportation system off-campus, noting that it will benefit the students and employees who use the service, as well as improve the climate of the campus.

¹ <http://www.uconn.edu/students.php>

² <http://admissions.uconn.edu/content/campuses/storrs/residence-halls>

³ <http://production.wordpress.uconn.edu/reslife/wp-content/uploads/sites/236/2014/06/2014-2015-graduate-housing-info.pdf>

⁴ http://www.uconn.edu/pdf/UConn_Facts_2014.pdf

GAA Special Allocation Request

<i>Organization</i>	Graduate Art Alliance
<i>Event</i>	Gladys. A life of Confinement
<i>Proposed Date</i>	Nov. 14 & 15, 2014
<i>Contact Person(s)</i>	Claire Coleman
<i>Date Submitted</i>	10/29/14
<i>Exec. Approval</i>	
<i>Presented to Senate</i>	11/12/14

Proposed Budget

Code	Description	Proposed	Outside Revenues	Exec. Recommendation
620 Refreshments		\$170.00		\$170.00
606 Printing	High quality photos	\$270.00		\$270.00
615 Honorariums		\$270.00		\$270.00
623 Rental	Performance space	\$160.00		\$160.00
Totals:		\$870.00	\$0.00	\$870.00

Summary

This special allocation request was presented to the GSS Executive Committee by Treasurer Ambroselli. The unanimous recommendation of the Executive Committee is **that the Graduate Student Senate allocate \$870.00 to the Graduate Art Alliance, for their event "Gladys. A life of Confinement"**.

Faculty Standards Committee

11/10/2014

Chair: Allison MacKay
Associate Professor
mackaya@engr.uconn.edu

Representative: Morad Behandish
Ph.D. Student
m.behandish@engr.uconn.edu

Website: <http://senate.uconn.edu/faculty.html>

Committee Type: GSS External

Overview of Report

The main subject of discussion was further adjustments to the Promotion, Tenure, and Reappointment (PTR) framework that provides greater harmonization and transparency across the university, while remaining cognizant of the unique characteristics of excellence standards within individual schools/colleges/departments.

Detailed Report

UPDATED PTR POLICIES

The meeting was a follow-up on the subject of revising the PTR policies that was proposed in the previous meeting on 10/20/2014 (reported to GSS in the previous committee report) by Sally Reis, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. The attendees who had reviewed the draft versions of “Provost’s Policy on Tenure and Promotion Procedures” and “Promotion, Tenure, and Reappointment Form” presented by Ms. Reis in the previous meeting, proposed adjustments and improvements (mostly in terms of details). There was some additional language proposed subsequent to the previous meeting, to address issues such as joint faculty appointments:

The basic requirements are (1) tenure-track candidate dossiers will be reviewed by the departmental and school/college committees each year; (2) department heads should meet annually with faculty to discuss goals, responsibilities, and expectations; (3) the candidate’s dossiers will be submitted to the Provost’s office for review at the beginning of the third year (which previously was at the beginning of the second year); and (4) the second review for tenure and promotion will be conducted at the beginning of the candidate’s sixth year.

Additionally, towards recognition of interdisciplinary activities: (5) college/school policies should explicitly recognize interdisciplinary activities in scholarship, research, teaching, and engagement activities, and the candidates for promotion and tenure may include a statement highlighting their contributions to interdisciplinary activities and how their efforts have led to new opportunities, etc.; (6) departmental and school/college committees should ask input from other department heads to evaluate the significance of such interdisciplinary efforts; and (7) information from an offer letter of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) should be included in the PTR proves for faculty hired in joint appointments.

In addition to the PTR detail adjustments, the committee chair Allison MacKay mentioned the formation of a sub-committee to address certain tasks related to teaching evaluations. Several committee members volunteered.

Action Items for Senate

The matter is still under discussion by the Faculty Standards, and there is nothing of immediate direct concern to graduate students at this point.

Attachments*

The new version for the “Provost’s Policy on Tenure and Promotion Procedures” and “Promotion, Tenure, and Reappointment Form” that were circulated in the meeting were confidential, since they’re not approved/finalized yet, and I cannot disclose them as attachment in this report. However, the meeting minutes from the previous meeting (10/20/2014), and the agendas for both meetings (10/20/14 and 11/10/2014) are attached here.

Diversity Committee
10/30/14

Chair: Maria-Luz Fernandez *Representative:* Huong Nguyen
Dpt of Nutritional Sciences Educational Leadership
maria-luz.fernandez@uconn.edu huong.nguyen@uconn.edu

Website: <http://senate.uconn.edu/diversity.html> *Committee Type:* External

Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? No.

Was anything of relevance to graduate students?
Much of what was mentioned at the meeting did not relate to graduate students.

Detailed Report

The Diversity Committee will be looking at its charge and will be trying to define its role in relation to the Diversity Task Force. Discussion revolved around the function of the committee, the desire to have committee members on the task force, and the next steps with the Diversity Committee's Strategic Plan.

Action Items for Senate

- None at this time.

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University of Connecticut Campus Master Plan

Graduate Student Senate Presentation
November 12, 2014

Graduate Student Issues

Academic and Research Space

Office Space

Informal Graduate Student Gathering Spaces

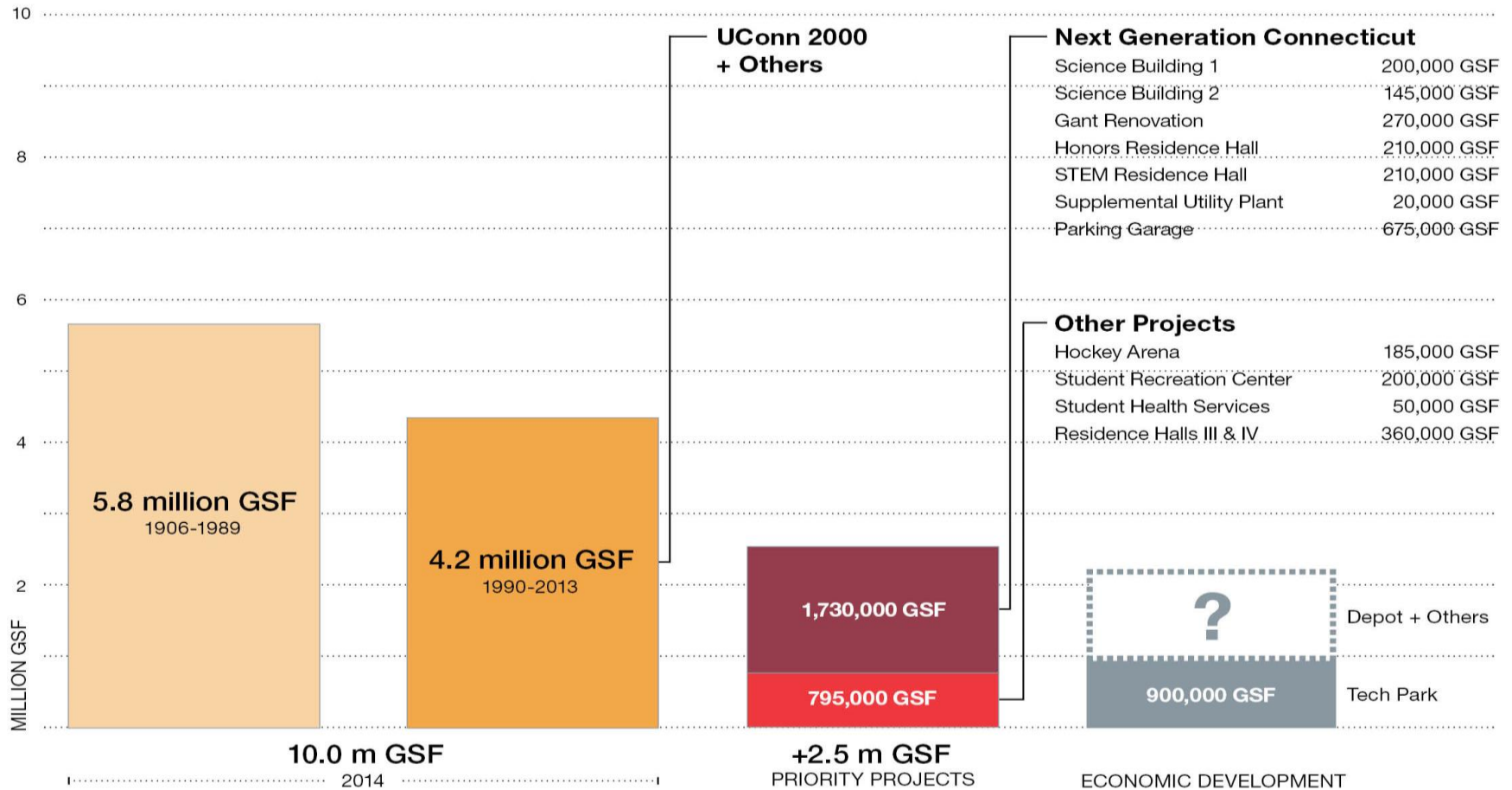
Residential Development

Transportation

UConn Storrs Land Uses



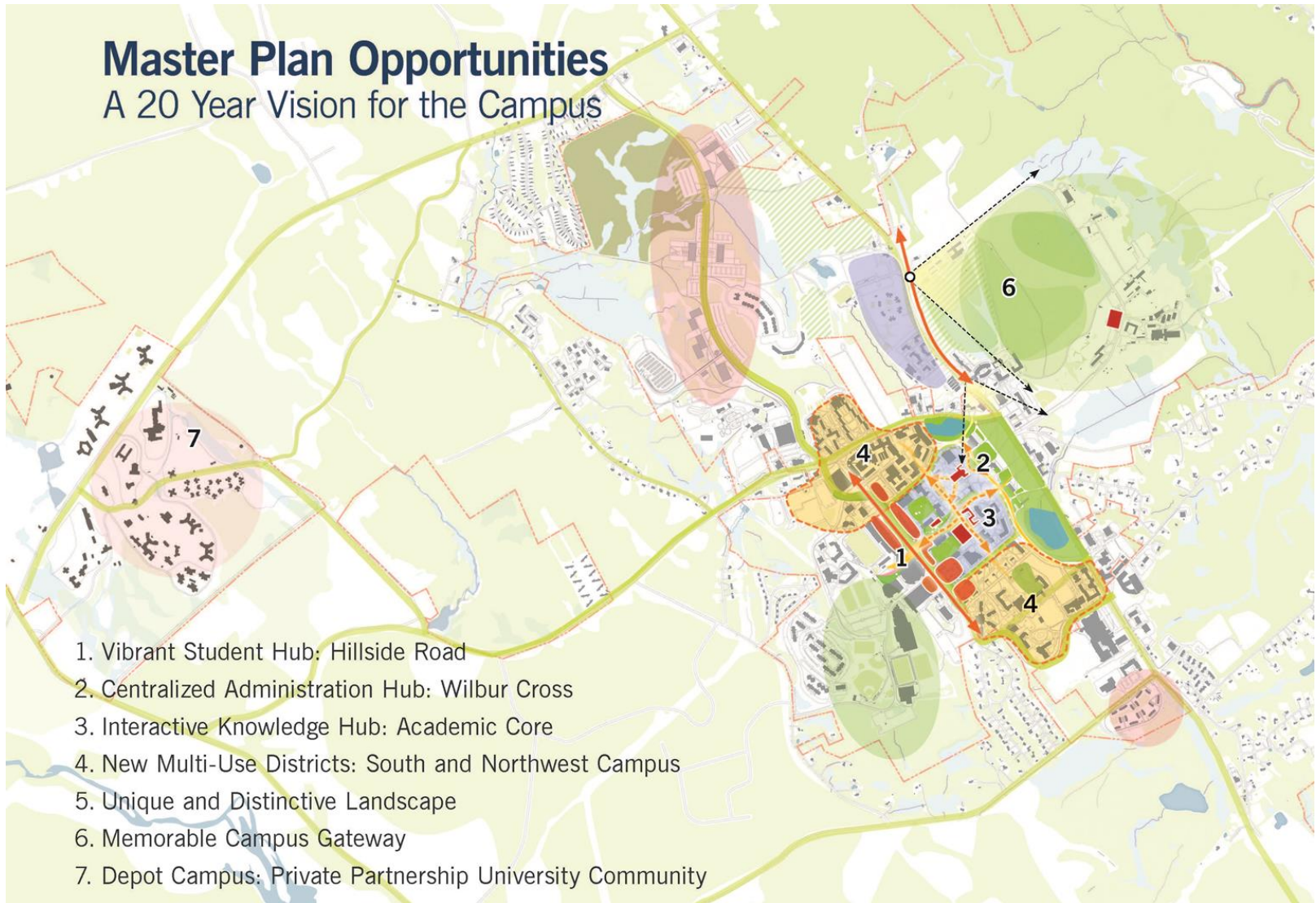
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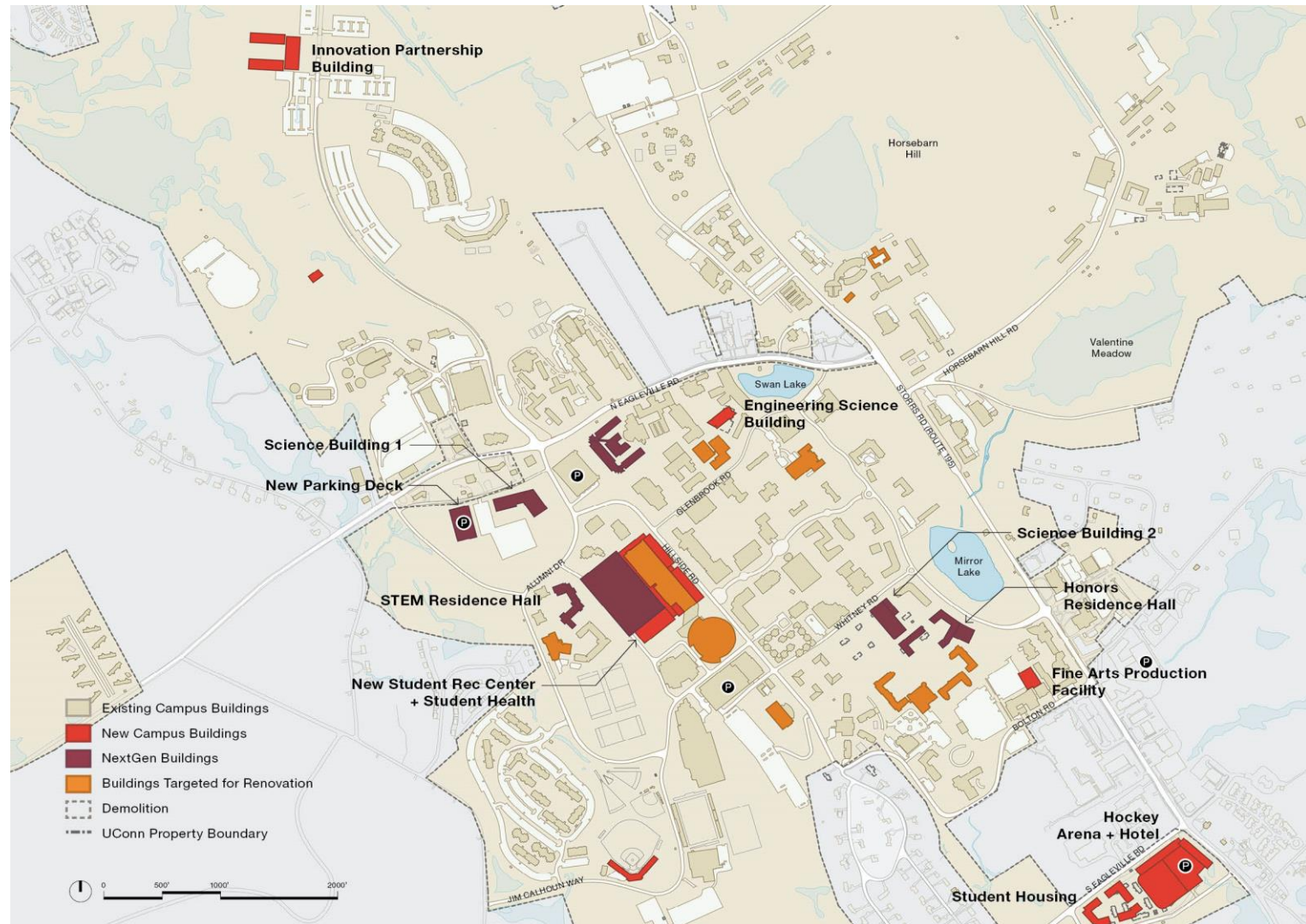
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Master Plan Opportunities

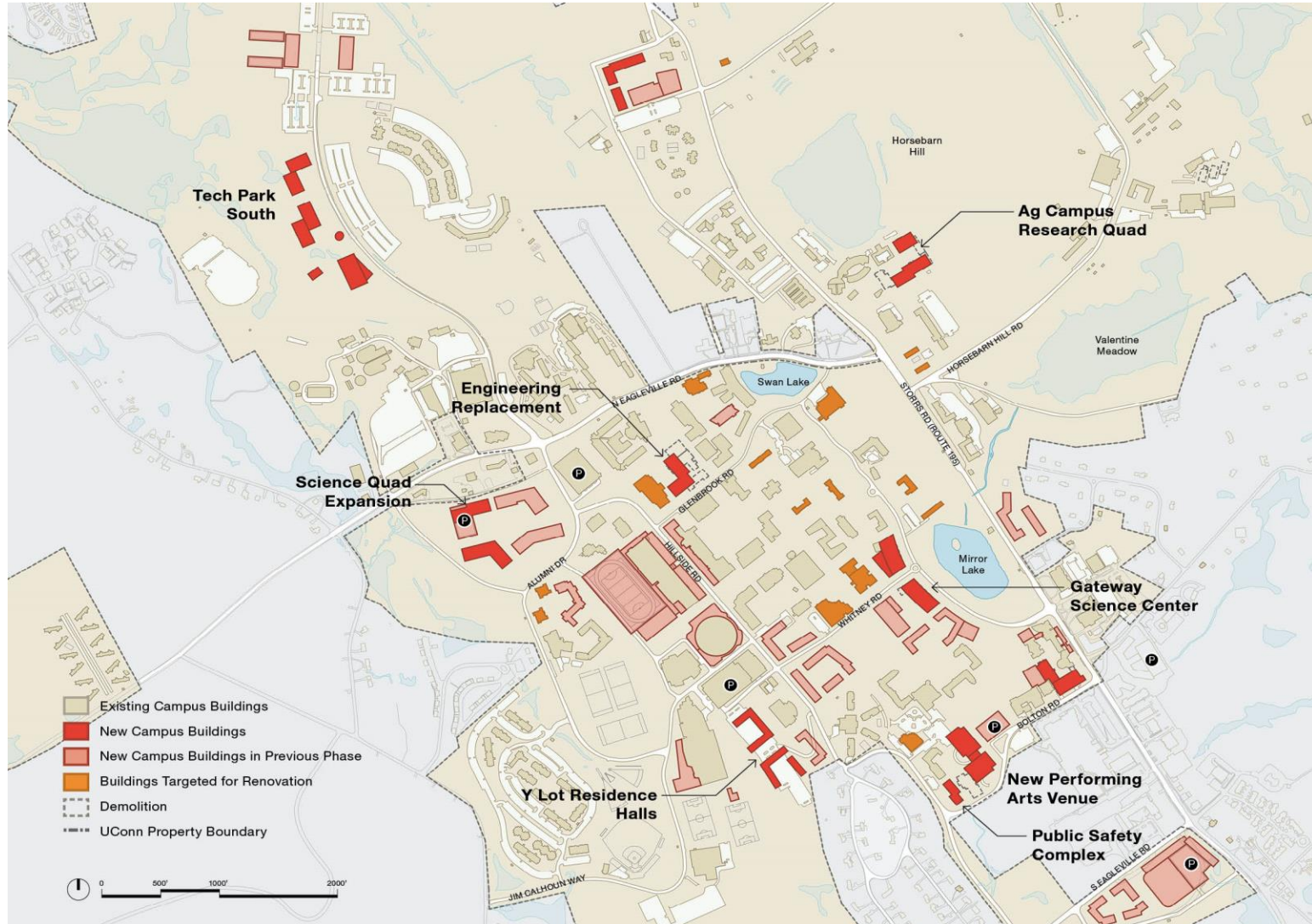
A 20 Year Vision for the Campus



Incremental Development – Years 1-10



Incremental Development – Years 11-20

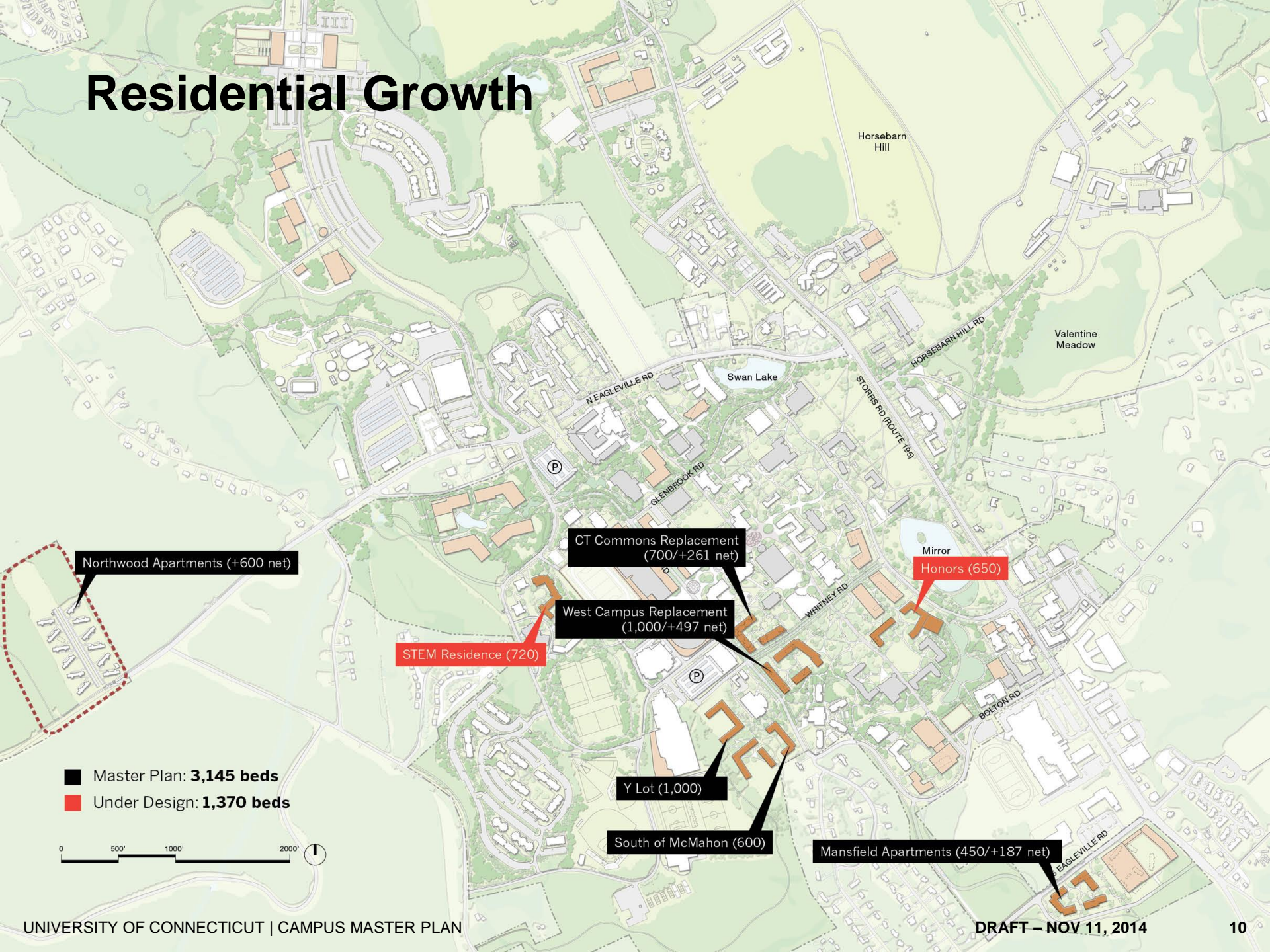


Next Round of Planning

- Office Space
- Informal Gathering Spaces
- Specific Lab and Instructional Space Improvements
- Renovation of Existing Space

To be determined at the level of detailed planning and programming

Residential Growth



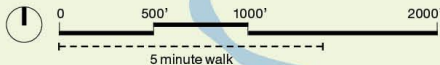
Depot Campus: Private Partnership University Community

Vacate Some Facilities on the Main Campus; Move to Depot: Possibilities include:

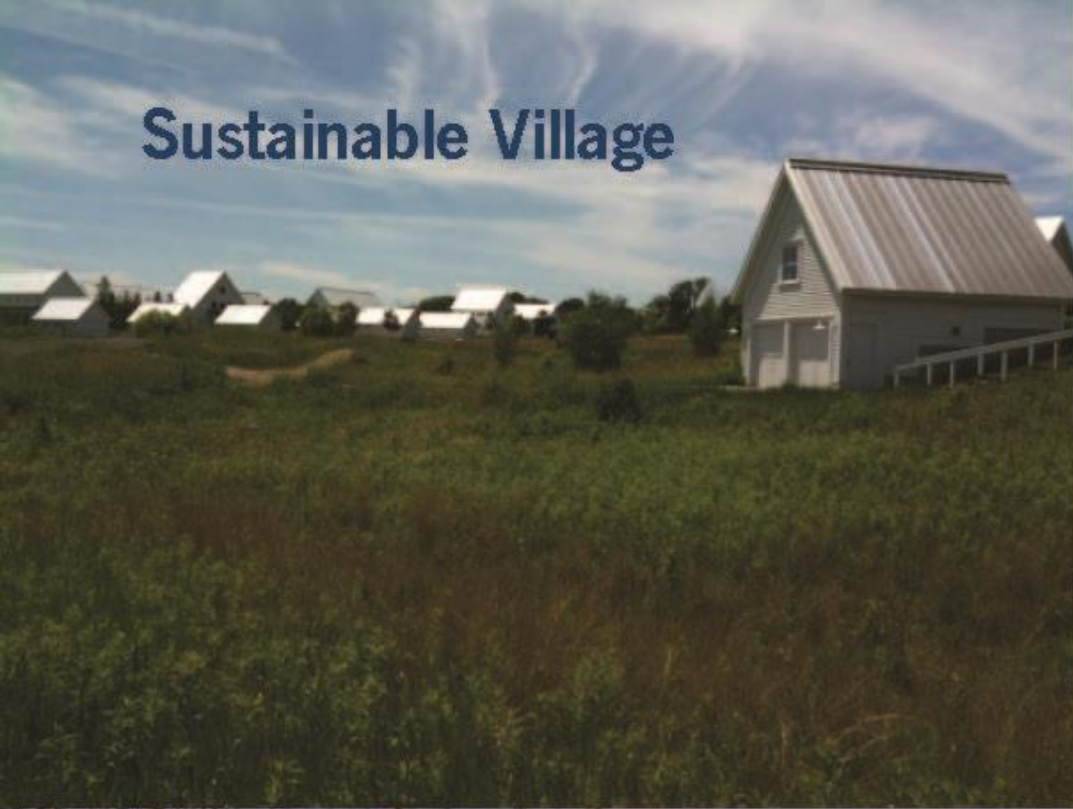
- Graduate / Family / Faculty Housing
- Lab Surge Space / Office Space
- Arts Expansion (Theater) / Retail

(Longer-term development subject to market feasibility, timing, site preparation, and developer interest)

**Connection to
Future Train
Station**



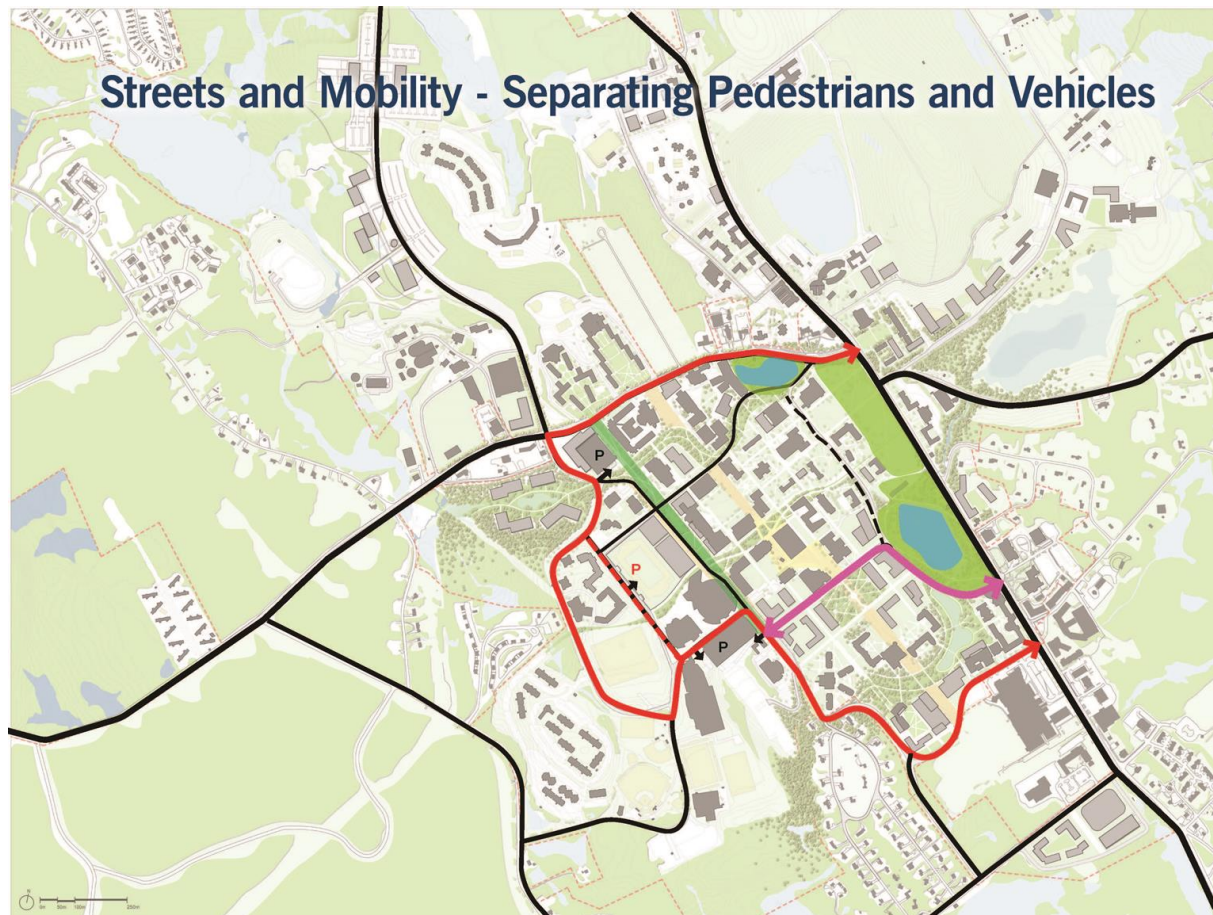
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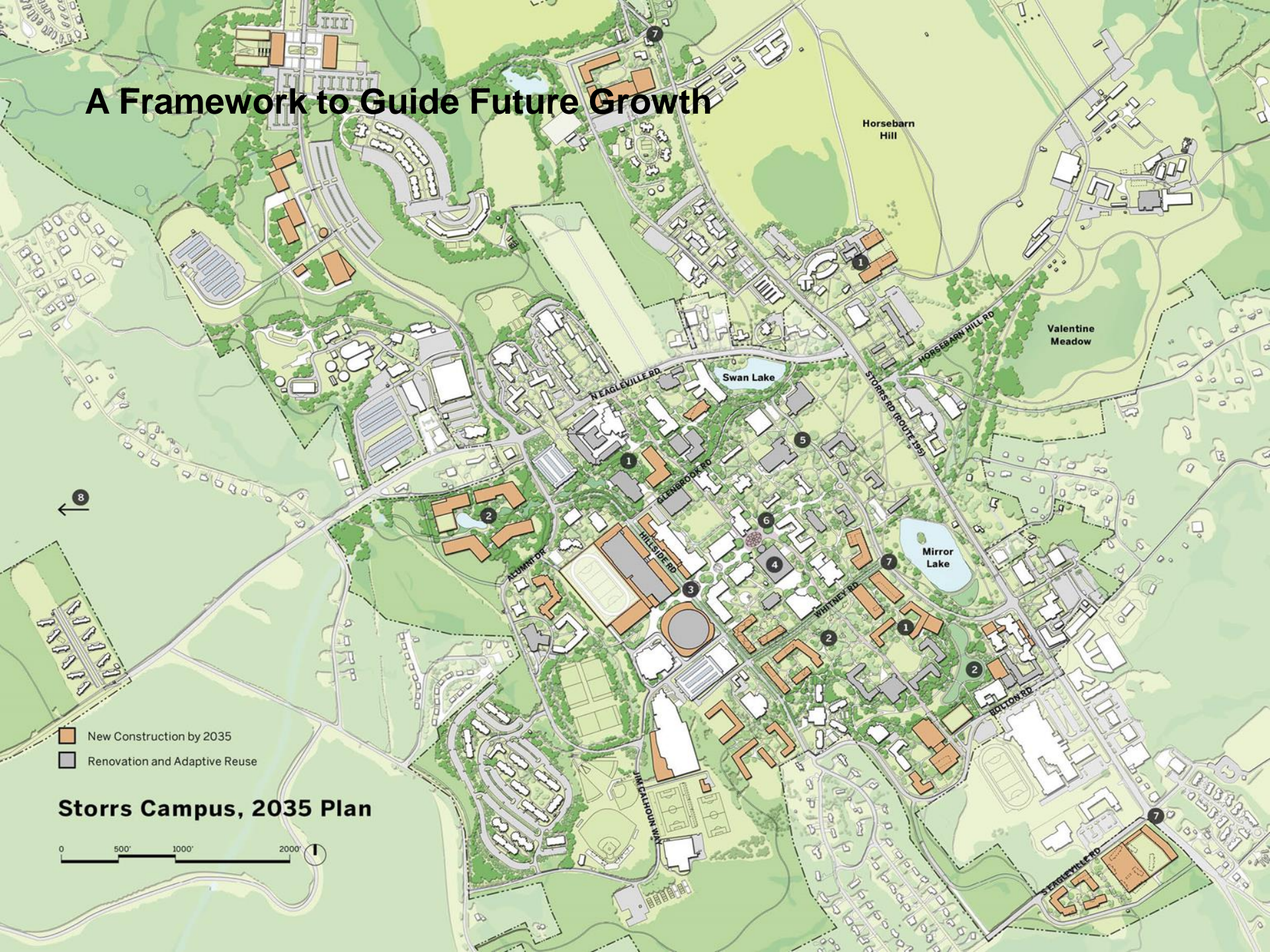
**Jackson Meadow
Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota**

Traffic and Transportation Future

- Proposed Network



A Framework to Guide Future Growth



- New Construction by 2035
- Renovation and Adaptive Reuse

Storrs Campus, 2035 Plan



Master Plan Components

- Draft Master Plan with Executive Summary
- Draft Design Guidelines and District Plans
- Draft Capital Improvement Plan
- Draft Framework Plans
 - Buildings and Historic Assets
 - Traffic, Transportation and Parking
 - Utilities Infrastructure
 - Sustainability
 - Landscape and Open Space
 - Space Needs Assessment



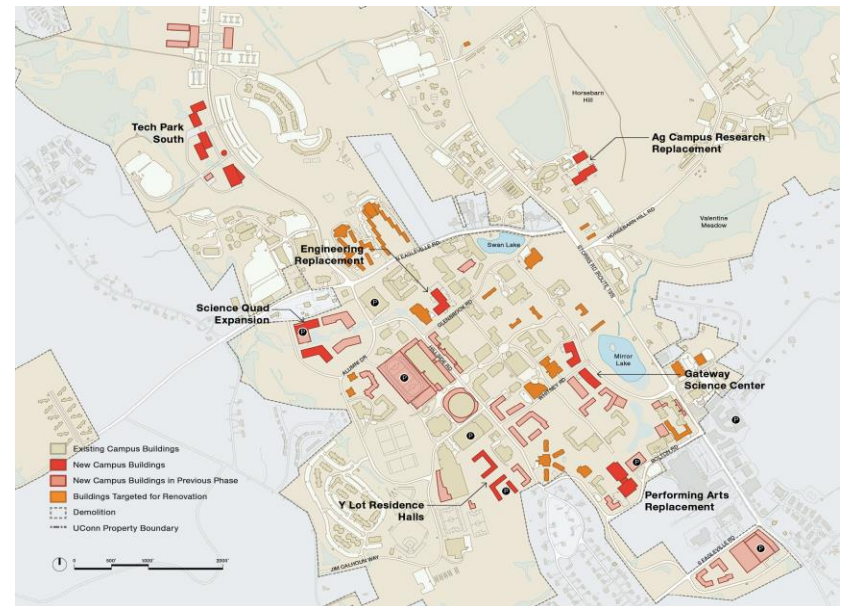
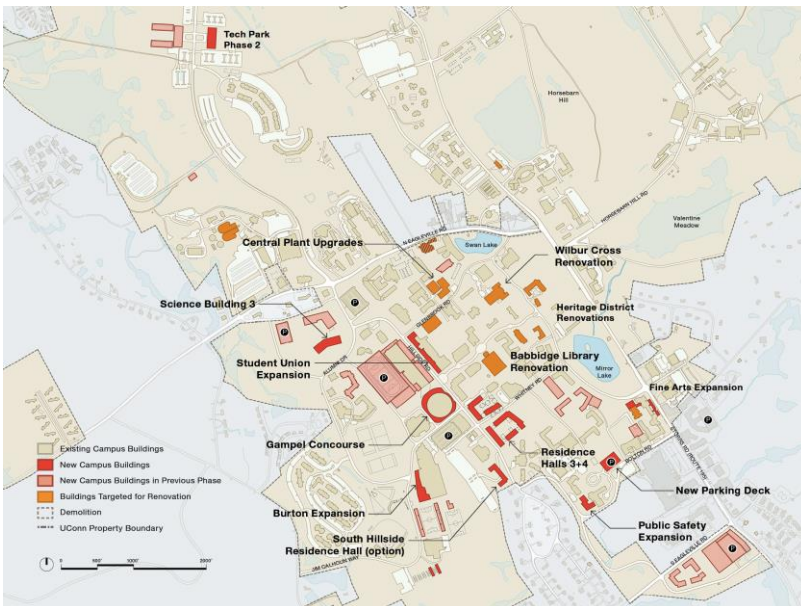
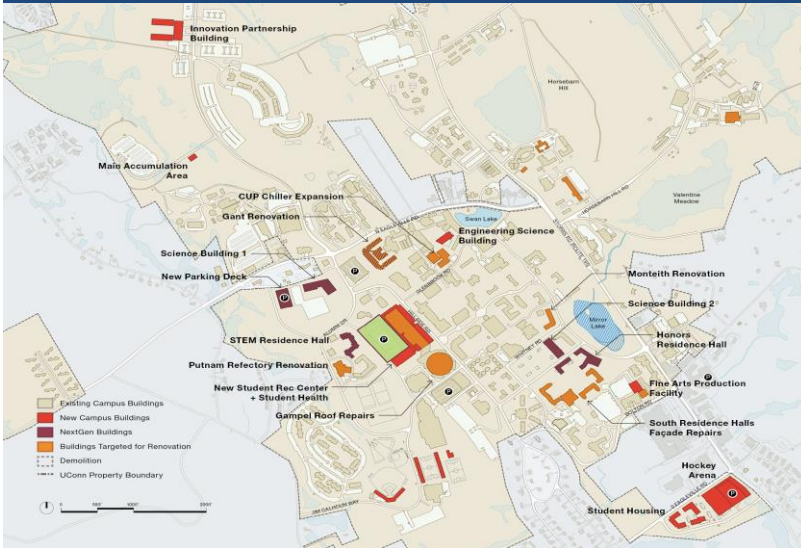
Spring Semester 2014



- Completion of the Academic Plan
- Visioning Process for Campus Master Plan – Principles and Goals Established
- Data Collection
- Advisory Committee Meetings
- Focus Group Meetings
- Town Halls

Fall Semester 2014

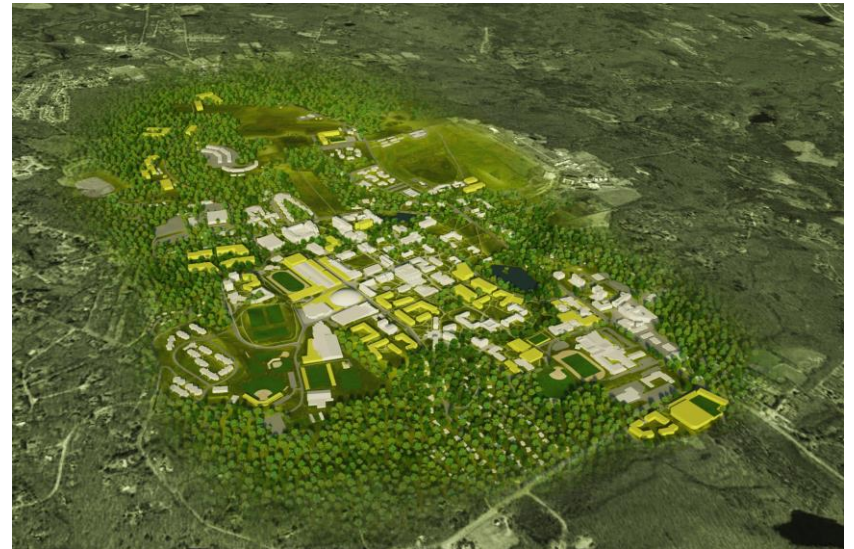
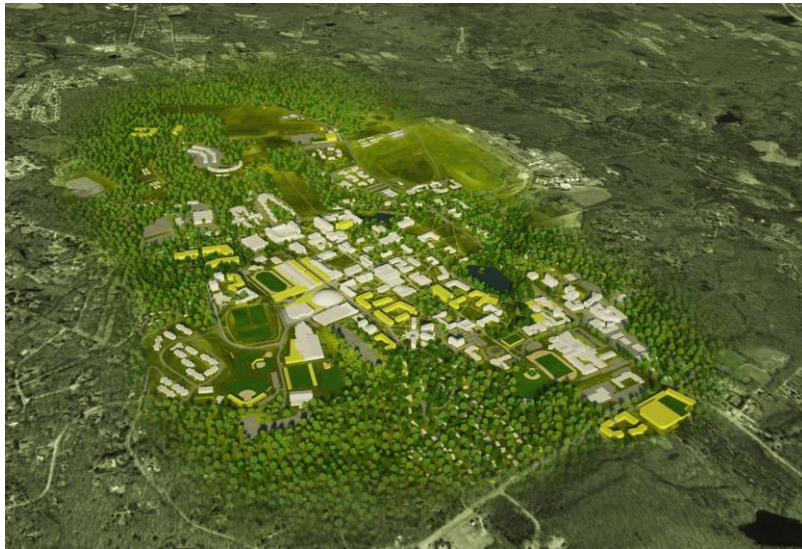
- Draft Master Plan and Executive Summary
- Design Guidelines and District Plans
- Capital Improvement Program
- Framework Plans



Presentations: Spring and Fall



- Master Plan Advisory Committee Meetings
- Town Hall Meetings
- University Senate
- USG/GSS
- EPAC
- Parking Advisory Committee
- Focus Groups
- Community Outreach
- Board of Trustees (Dec)



Review and Comments

- Website
 - www.masterplan.uconn.edu
- Display
 - Babbidge Library
 - Student Union
- Email
 - Beverly.wood@uconn.edu
- Town Hall
 - November 17th, 3:30-4:30,
Konover Auditorium



Questions