

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

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It was an extremely low-key year for the University Council Planning Committee. About the only topic the committee addressed was how to position the six proposed institutional projects the University has in its 10-year master plan.

They are:

Proposed Institutional Projects

§School of Law (Site BB)

§Academic Building (Site CC)

§Academic Building Addition (Site DD)

§Science and Engineering Building (Site EE)

§Academic/Administration Building (Site FF)

§Myles Standish Residence Hall Renovation (Site GG)

Other Projects

§Student Village Residence III (Site AA) (PDA zoning)

§Public Realm Improvements

The questions the Planning Committee originally took up were: 1) Should those projects be rolled out to the faculty and staff in a slow, measured way to avoid creating anxiety? Or 2) Are they good news that we should publicize in multiple ways?

Before the committee could arrive at some considered answer to those questions, the stirrings of a bloodless coup emerged, which effectively sidelined our deliberations.

Instead, there was discussion of eliminating the Planning Committee altogether, since its quest for meaning and relevance kept meeting either obstacles or redundancies. Inconveniently, the committee failed to take into account one technicality: The committee doesn't have the power to disband itself.

Which only magnified the committee's low self-esteem and sense of inadequacy.

So the committee pretty much left it there.

John Carroll, Chair