

OVERVIEW

This Master Plan was undertaken to study the facility needs of Mount Vernon Nazarene University and to address these needs through a long-range plan. It should be noted that a master plan is not a detailed photograph of the future. Rather, it is a watercolor painting of what might be. A master plan cannot identify all of the unseen challenges that lie ahead, but it does identify a destination and helps us stay the course along our journey.

The process used to develop this master plan followed two coexistent but very different discovery paths.

Discovery Path 1

The first was a discovery of those objective factors we can see, touch and measure. This part of the process focused on understanding how the campus is currently functioning, as well as how it will need to adapt to serve anticipated needs. It was composed of a site survey and a facilities survey. The site survey defined the limits of the campus, the topography of the campus, and how the existing facilities are configured on the campus. The facilities survey defined the size and use of those existing buildings. The buildings were then divided into four use categories - Relational (social or spiritual focus), Residential (dormitories and apartments), Academic (instructional), and Administrative. This allowed the planning team to define the amount of area used per student for each of these categories, and then extrapolate that those figures to meet projected needs.

Discovery Path 2

The second path investigated the subjective factors that we sense, feel and respond to with our emotions. The centerpiece of this study was active conversations with three groups of MVNU stakeholders - the Administration, the Institutional Master Plan Advisory Counsel (IMPAC Team), and an open invitation forum for all students, faculty and staff. These broad discussions identified the strengths of the campus as well as opportunities for improvement.

When these two paths joined again, the overlapping ideas and values became the framework for the master plan's eight primary goals, or the Keys to Success.

Keys to Success

1. Main Entrance
2. Welcome Center
3. Campus Center
4. Circulation
5. Academic Space
6. Chapel Connection
7. Improved & Expanded Residences
8. Athletic Facilities

Finally, strategies were developed to implement these goals. Often times a single strategy is able to aid in the success of two or more of these values. This Master Plan outlines those strategies and describes how they will help make each goal a reality. It is an exciting and vibrant painting of Mount Vernon Nazarene University.