Students, Faculty, and Staff come to the Open House on the Update of the UNM Master Plan on November 13th 12:30-4:30pm in the SUB Ballroom B. Share your thoughts and questions on the preliminary Master Facility Planning efforts for the Main, North, South and Rio Rancho Campuses. See how each of the campuses are being unified to create a comprehensive roadmap for future development. An overview presentation will be given during the open house at 12:30pm followed by interactive sessions with the planners on each part of campus.

Light refreshments will be provided.
Why is Master Planning Important?

Why is this important to students, faculty and staff? The Master Plan provides a 40,000 foot view of campus development, a roadmap for the next decade and beyond that is based on what the University would like to become. Crafting a strong Plan that encourages and guides the growth in a sustainable, thoughtful way needs ideas and input from all of the campus’ constituencies. The Plan must create an environment where student success is assured, where research excellence is supported, where healthy communities and community engagement is not just an expectation, but a part of our daily lives at UNM. Master Planning looks at major systems like transportation, campus organization, gateways, and connections to our neighbors, as well as growth, to help us make the best use of limited University land. It informs decision making about issues related to parking, housing, classroom space, research labs, and hospitals, creating a unified campus from north to south. Master plans do not dictate exactly what a campus will do on a day to day basis nor does it deal with specifics such as what individual buildings will look like.

The last time that UNM created a master plan was over 12 years ago. Since then, the campus has experienced significant change. The North Campus grew at a much faster rate than anticipated. Planning started on a new campus in Rio Rancho. The Albuquerque metropolitan area grew by more than 20%. Environmental concerns about global warming made sustainability a key concept on nearly all campuses. In short, the world has changed in the ensuing years and UNM needs a new master plan to anticipate future growth and opportunities.

UNM has one of the most distinctive campuses in the country. The legacy of John Gaw Meem, and the Pueblo Revival style that he singlehandedly created on the UNM campus has endured for decades. Our plan is to preserve the legacy of UNM’s architectural style (and the duck pond) while also encouraging new expressions of development that incorporate sustainability and new materials and technology appropriated for the 21st century.

We hope that you can take a little time on Thursday, November 13th 2008 between 12:30pm – 4:30pm in the SUB Ballroom B, to participate in the UNM planning effort and help to make the campus work for you and for future students. Hope to see you there!

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AGENDA

UNM MASTER PLAN UPDATE OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, November 13, 2008  12:30 – 4:30
UNM SUB, Ballroom B
Albuquerque, NM

12: 45: Introduction by President Schmidly

1:00 -1:30: Overview of Master Plan Update

- What has changed since 1996 Barton Myers Plan
- Big Ideas of the MP Update
- Overview of South Campus – Athletic Master Plan and S&T Park
- Overview of North Campus
- Overview of Core Campus
- Overview of Rio Rancho Campus
- Opportunities to connect all campuses via – transit/bike/ped/IT

1:45 – 3:45: Open House Format with the following “stations”

- North Campus
- Core Campus
- South Campus
- Rio Rancho Campus
- Circulation – bike, ped, transit, auto, and parking
- Sustainability

3:45 – 4:30:
- Reports from the Stations and wrap up