

1.1 Project Description

The College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) is the only veterinary medicine college in the state of Illinois and is one of 28 such colleges in the United States. Its mission includes the university's mission of research, teaching, and public engagement. The College provides programs to benefit the animals, people, and environment of the State of Illinois through the promotion of animal health and production, alleviation of animal suffering, conservation of animal resources, and protection of public health.

The University has hired CUH2A, Inc. Architecture Engineering Planning (CUH2A) to provide a Facilities Plan that meets the CVM's current and projected needs and continues the harmonious growth of the Urbana-Champaign campus. This Facilities Plan contains a multifaceted approach to the growth, realignment, and reorganization of the CVM to fulfill its mission and goals.

The College of Veterinary Medicine aspires to be a leader in veterinary and comparative biomedical education, scholarship, and public engagement in the University of Illinois system, in the state, in the nation, and around the world. This Facilities Plan concentrates on developing planning scenarios that can enhance the existing teaching, research, and service required for the CVM to achieve its goals. CUH2A formed focus groups comprised of faculty, staff, and students. Areas of focus included Administration, Instruction, Library, Research, Diagnostics, Teaching Hospital, and Students. Each of these teams provided critical input for the project.

This Facilities Plan summarizes the CVM goals, new and renovated construction components, vacated space quantities, site planning options and scenarios, and new facility options and scenarios. Growth in student population, current programs, and future programs has been identified.

1.2 Visioning

A key component in the Facilities Plan's development was participation in a Visioning Session with faculty and staff from the CVM and University. This Visioning Session was conducted during the first day of the group meetings and served as an opportunity for brainstorming, interaction, and group consensus among the various representatives to develop this Facilities Plan's guiding principles and values. Various ideas for the project were discussed and streamlined into a list of the most important issues. These issues were then used to form value categories: **Culture, Mission, Environment, Identity, and Interaction**. The group also chose visual images that best represent their values; these are shown below. Additional vision information can be found in the *Visioning* section of the appendix of this document.



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Project Goals & Evaluation Criteria

The Visioning Session identified a series of project goals. These goals were used as evaluation criteria to translate the goals into the appropriate planning and architectural design responses. These project goals will be a roadmap to making facility decisions for future building/renovation projects that are consistent with the CVM's mission.

IMAGE / IDENTITY

- Southern gateway to UIUC
- Recognizable Icon/Landmark
- Aesthetics/Style

CONNECTIVITY

- Physical connection of CVM buildings
- Academic connection to the UIUC campus

COMMUNITY

- CVM community
- UIUC campus
- Local Public Outreach
- Regional Veterinary Medicine Excellence

CAMPUS

- Unified campus
- Environment for diverse exchange of knowledge transfer and learning

INTERACTION

- Spaces that foster interaction
- Centrally located space for large group gatherings
- Spaces for informal, small-group gatherings

QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT

- Interior environments (views, daylight, connectivity)
- Exterior expression
- Outdoor spaces

SITE ISSUES

- Way-finding
- Separation of traffic (public/service)
- Preservation/Re-use of round barns
- Parking
- Landscaping
- Medicinal Garden
- Infrastructure

IMPLEMENTATION

- Phased construction
- Funding opportunities
- Infrastructure modifications