



**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
Campus Facilities Planning Committee
Request for Project Approval Form**

1. **Project Name** **Campus Design Materials Palette**
2. **Committee Date** **August 14, 2009**
3. **Requesting Department** **Facilities Planning and Construction**
4. **Contact Name & Phone Number** **Spencer Moore Ext. 3-2287**
5. **Presenter:** **Spencer Moore**
6. **Description of Request**

This item requests formal re-approval of the material palette already broadly used in new buildings and associated outdoor spaces.

Background Information:

As it began its 75th year of operation (2002), the University of Houston proposed design guidelines intended to “transmit the traditions of its campus plan and architecture into the future” and to “assure a harmonious campus while at the same time encouraging architectural innovation and quality construction.”

The guidelines in effect since 2002 encouraged the use of buff brick and shellstone, but were less clear in criteria for glazing, paving finish, and metal window framing. Improvements in glazing energy efficiency and cast stone finishes suggest that material choices for new construction can come even closer to the palette seen in the campus’ earliest buildings and are attainable at reasonable cost.

The intent of these guidelines is to reinforce the original material vocabulary while also acknowledging the diversity of buildings at UH. These guidelines do not restrict how materials are used or mandate a particular design style. Rather they utilize similar materials as a tool to provide more links between buildings and reinforce the Framework Plan.

Strengthening the guidelines will facilitate the understanding of what the University requires and desires of their designs among consulting design professionals. It will also preclude design issues that continually arise when architectural firms propose buildings and materials that do not follow these guidelines.

Material Recommendations:

There following materials are recommended for re-approval. Any proposed variation from these standards would require Campus Facilities Planning Committee approval.

Shell Limestone shall match the Ezekiel Cullen Building. This shell stone was used on recent buildings including the M D Anderson Library addition, SERC Research Tower and Cynthia Woods Mitchell Addition to Wortham Theater.

Precast Concrete to match the color of the original shell stone. This precast concrete has been used on the Recreation and Wellness center, Calhoun Lofts, East Parking Garage and the Welcome Center; will be used on Cemo Hall and the Freshmen Housing Complex on Wheeler; and is proposed for the Central Utilities Plant Expansion.

Brick shall be buff in color to match the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center. This Brick has also been used on Calhoun Lofts and the Welcome Center; will be used on Cemo Hall and the Freshmen Housing Complex on Wheeler; and is proposed for the Central Utilities Plant Expansion.

Cast Stone shall match the cast stone at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts. This cast stone is proposed for the Central Utilities Plant Expansion.

Accent Brick shall be the dark brick used at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center. This Accent Brick has also been used on Calhoun Lofts, will be used on Cemo Hall and is proposed for the Central Utilities Plant Expansion.

Accent Color may include Cougar Red.

Glass framing systems shall be natural aluminum color. This system was used on the Welcome Center, Calhoun Lofts, the M D Anderson Library addition, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Addition on Wortham Theater and East Parking Garage; will be used on Cemo Hall and the Freshmen Housing Complex on Wheeler; and is proposed for the Central Utilities Plant Expansion.

Window Glass shall be transparent low-e energy efficient glass to match the glass at the Welcome Center. Similar glass was used on Calhoun Lofts, the M D Anderson Library addition and East Parking Garage; will be used on Cemo Hall and the Freshmen Housing Complex on Wheeler; and is proposed for the Central Utilities Plant Expansion.

Sidewalks in the campus core shall match the existing pea-gravel pavement.

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| 8. | Cost of Project | Not Applicable |
| 9. | Source of Funding: | Not Applicable |
| 10. | Proposed Start Date: | Upon approval |

Attachments

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