

SECTION 1.0

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NOMENCLATURE AND ACRONYMS

It is useful to clearly distinguish the names and acronyms used in this document for the University of Houston System, the University of Houston, the Facilities Planning and Construction Department, and the Design Consultants.

- **UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM** (also referred to as "UHS" and "System") is the central administration which interfaces with the government of the State of Texas for the consortium of universities bearing the University of Houston name (University of Houston, University of Houston-Downtown, University of Houston-Northwest, University of Houston-Clear Lake, University of Houston-Clear Lake Pearland campus, University of Houston Sugar Land, University of Houston System at Cinco Ranch, University of Houston System-Texas Medical Center, University of Houston-Victoria, and University of Houston-Victoria Katy Campus).
- **UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON** (also referred to as "UH" and "University") is the original University of Houston, founded in 1927. This document is unique to the UH and its campus.
- **FACILITIES PLANNING and CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT** (also referred to as "FPC") is a System office that is in charge of the planning, design, and construction of all physical facilities for the System's component institutions, as well as those of the original campus.
- **DESIGN CONSULTANTS** (also referred to as "Designers" and "A/E") are the architects, engineers, landscape architects, interior designers, graphic artists, etc., with whom the System (through the FPC Department) contracts for the design of its buildings and facilities.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM

[Additional information about the University of Houston's goals, mission and current initiatives can be found in the "About" section of the UH Website: uh.edu]

Board of Regents Priorities

Academic Excellence

To maintain status of excellence as a learning center through teaching reputation, classroom excellence, and becoming a provider of choice for employer recruitment;

To continue research achievements; and

To maximize student enrollment, retention, graduation, and subsequent successful entry into the educated work force.

Effective and Efficient Administration

To operate an education and research institution managed by an effective and efficient administration inspiring confidence and trust;

To become "Client Friendly" in our delivery of education and research; and

To create an environment fostering communication, coordination and collaboration among students, faculty, administration and community constituencies.

Community Relevance

To become more proactive in blending higher education with community service; and

To maximize UHS relevance to multiple constituencies within the Greater Houston Metropolitan area and the Upper Gulf Coast region.

Leadership

To position UHS as a leader in the dynamic and challenging environment of a metropolitan university system; and

To establish quality benchmarks, compatible with national Tier One and international standards of excellence, for a public research university system.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Approved

Provide a range of educational programs that foster an intellectually and culturally diverse environment that enhances individual growth and development.

To prepare a broad community of students (undergraduate, graduate, professional and non-degree seeking) to make lifelong learning commitments that result in personal, social, economic and community contributions to an increasingly globally interdependent world.

Create, discover, disseminate and preserve knowledge and understanding by engaging in basic and applied research, scholarly and artistic activities that benefit students, scholars and external constituencies. Serve as a major resource for local, state, national and global communities by applying scholarly analysis and experience to community problems. Recognize its special responsibility to the Houston metropolitan area by making the knowledge base and other resources of the institution readily accessible to its citizens.

Shared Values within the Mission

As its primary goal, the University of Houston is dedicated to enhancing its national recognition in the 21st century. The University will anticipate and respond to changing demographics in an increasingly diverse and globally interdependent world. It will use its resources to:

- Meet the challenges of educating a dynamic mix of nontraditional and traditional students.
- Promote excellence within the context of basic and applied research and scholarship.
- Identify and respond to the economic, social and cultural challenges affecting the quality of life in Houston, the state of Texas and the world through its education, research and service.

Priority Areas and Associated Goals

Undergraduate Education

Improve the quality of instruction and facilities to enhance undergraduate educational programs in each academic unit.

Graduate Education

Ensure that the quality of instruction and facilities result in high quality, nationally ranked graduate and professional education programs.

Research

Maintain the quality of research and enhance the level of productivity consistent with Carnegie Level I stature among higher education institutions.

Campus Environment

Build an environment that is inclusive, positive, humane and physically accessible where all participants (students, staff, faculty and visitors) feel welcome.

Outreach and Access

Increase the dissemination of knowledge and problem-solving skills between UH and society. Improve the accessibility of UH resources to society in general and to the Houston community in particular.

Enrollment Management

Ensure the proper balance of growth, retention and graduation of a diverse, knowledgeable and skilled undergraduate, professional and graduate student body.

Accountability

Recognize the need for accountability at all levels by establishing and maintaining comprehensive and systematic methods of assessment for: educational programs, institutes and centers, human resources, organizational structures and fiscal integrity.

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
FACILITIES PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT**

Mission:

The Mission of Facilities Planning and Construction is to deliver exceptional and enduring projects that maximize value and support the University's Tier One strategic initiatives through superior facilities planning and project management services.

Core Values:

- Stewardship
- Competency
- Dependability
- Resourcefulness
- Fairness
- Objectivity