

Long range planning discussed

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A document for long range planning of the University of Oregon should be completed by the end of December, according to Christopher Alexander, Director of the Center of Environmental Structure at the University of California at Berkeley, and designer of the plan.

Alexander, who has been hired by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, to come up with the plan, was guest speaker at the University Campus Planning Committee meeting held yesterday in the EMU.

The Campus Planning Committee is hoping to use Alexander's concept of group-use planning as a basis for its capital construction list, which it is compiling as a presentation to be made to the state legislature during the 1973-74 biennium.

Unlike "master plans" which have been presented to the legislature for approval in the past (a master plan for the campus is drawn up every ten

years), Alexander said his program is designed to deal with areas of campus rehabilitation on an individual basis rather than in one large lump, making the plan more likely to be usable. "I am seeking a process that is genuinely implemental," he said. Expressing a concern that a

Degree program to be discussed

Should the University offer an Associate of Arts degree?

The Educational Experimentation, Innovation and Improvement Committee will discuss this question in its third symposium this fall at 1:30 p.m. today in 161 EMU.

Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Barry Siegel will be present to discuss "changes in the University curriculum and degree structure in relation to the Carnegie Report."

Siegel currently has a motion before the University faculty to establish an Associate of Arts degree—the motion will come before the December meeting of the faculty.

communication gap between the University administration and the Campus Planning Committee could cause a project to be lost in the bureaucratic process of approval, Alexander suggested that a task force consisting of at least two members from both parties be set up to prevent such an occurrence.

He noted that although the Planning Committee does contain members of the administration, recommendations for campus rehabilitation projects by the committee must be reviewed and approved by the administration as well as the President of the University. Alexander discussed this in reference to a chapter in his document which will deal with the relationship of the administration to the planning committee as a diagnosis of the reviewing process.

Another point Alexander made was the "almost complete absence of people's projects" on the capital construction list. Noting little enthusiasm among non-institutional groups about ideas for the list, Alexander said,

the five sub-committees of the Planning Committee should make suggestions for projects.

Action being taken on conversion of Straub Hall to an academic department was also discussed at the meeting. University architect, George Wallmann said that architects have been hired to create working drawings for remodeling of the building. It has not been decided which department the former dormitory will be allocated to. The Campus Planning Committee will review the decision of the space allocation committee when it is reached.

The open space committee reported that it has been working with the physical plant to determine locations for small

asphalt ramps on sidewalk curbs around campus for bicyclists. "A large number of these have been put in," said Plant Director H.C. Babcock, adding that "These are cheap and can be removed or added."

Another item of discussion was a request by the Campus Recreation Committee for the removal of the cement curb which encloses the track on the intramural field. The recreation committee recommended the removal to the open space committee, saying that the curb is a safety hazard.

There was some dispute among planning committee members as to whether or not the request should be approved.

Kent State protest

Petition goal not yet reached

"I was extremely surprised that no one else was doing it," Darrell Jones said of his instigation of the

Kent State petition drive at the University this week.

The petition, started at Kent State this fall by two students, urges President Nixon to convene a federal jury to investigate the May, 1970 killings on the Kent State campus. The petition is a pledge to support these efforts of the Kent State students, Jones said.

Jones and Cliff Zukin, University students, started the drive on campus. Their desired goal of signatures is 1,500 to 2,000. By Thursday morning, however, after two days of petitioning the total was only 500 to 600 names, Jones said. While the drive was originally planned for this week only, the booth on the EMU Terrace will continue the drive next Tuesday and Wednesday, or until they reach their goal, Jones added.

Jones said a booth on the terrace is not the most effective way to handle the drive. "If even five people handled it (the drive) in the manner suggested by the Kent State student body president — by canvassing and leaflets — I think we could get even more than 2,000 names," he said.

"We need publicity and help," he added. "We have to get this issue into the press some," he said. He feels that if there are enough signatures from many schools, the needed attention will be achieved. "We must bring it (the Kent State killings) to peoples' attention, so that this kind of thing can't happen again," he said.

Jones has copies of petitions for people to circulate. He can be reached through the Math department. All petitions should be returned to him upon completion.



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