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INTRODUCTION

There have been attempts at creating a campus master plan for as long as the College has been here, yet as circumstances change, plans change. When Parrish burned for a second time in the late 19th century, Trotter Hall was relocated at “a great distance” to prevent the spread of fire in the event of another tragedy. Some fifty years ago, the athletic complex that had been planned north of Parrish was moved south to accommodate increased enrollment. More recently, a plan that called for the demolition of Beardsley was cast aside for a plan that instead removed Parrish Annex and erected Kohlberg Hall, creating a north campus quadrangle.

The College does not have a master plan nor is what follows such a plan. There are two reasons behind this lack. First, our experience tells us that these plans grow old very quickly and once one thread is broken, the plan finds its way into someone’s drawer. Plans for the future are more solidly built upon general principles than detailed drawings. Second, the College is currently committed to maintaining an enrollment just slightly above the current level. Our history regarding enrollment has been remarkably consistent. The College is currently committed to maintaining an enrollment just slightly above the current level. The College does not have a master plan nor is what follows such a plan.

The principles and values in this document were first articulated during the North Campus planning process in the early 1990s, reinforced during the planning phases for both the Unified Science Center (1999) and the new residence hall (2001), and further refined and confirmed by the College’s Land Use Planning Committee (2002).