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The North Campus Planning and Utilization Committee agrees that the greatest value to the University of the vast majority of the north campus land, is its aesthetic contribution to our rapidly urbanizing campus environment, and its fundamental support of our natural resource and biology curriculum. In urging the preservation of the wilderness value of this land, it is necessary to emphasize its vulnerability to severe devaluation as a consequence of either partitioning or encroachment (i.e. extensions of parking lots; building structures in the lake (dock or piers); construction of tennis courts; dumping of waste soil, rocks, or plant debris; establishment of fuel storage areas; relocation of buildings; etc.

As a result, the North Campus Planning & Utilization Committee considers the following priorities essential to the planning and utilization of the north campus lands (University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Foundation, Inc.). All undisturbed land areas of the UW-Stevens Point and the UW-Stevens Point Foundation between North Point Drive and Maria Drive should be designated as an Environmental Laboratory and assigned the following use priorities:

1. Use as a natural area, preserving wild features for their aesthetic value
2. Use for education
3. Use for recreation

Our interpretation of these priorities are as follows:

1. Aesthetic value stresses the maintenance of the area so that it represents and resembles the natural environment. Any development of this area should therefore consider the establishment and maintenance of natural eco-systems.

2. Educational use of the area must be compatible with the aesthetic definition already established. Educational programs (research included) which will use the area should:

1. Utilize the unique features of this natural area, and
2. Not alter or degrade the natural eco-systems.

3. Recreational use is encouraged when it is compatible with the previously established aesthetic and educational definitions.

I. Based on these priorities, the following recommendations are made:

- a. An Environmental Review Committee (a standing University committee) should be created to review environmental assessments of the campus and recommend actions on the establishment of proposed academic and recreational use of the Environmental Laboratory. A combining of the current University Landscape Committee with the North Campus Planning and Utilization Committee could serve this function.
- b. Wild land value of the area far outweighs other potential uses of this land; therefore, the area west of Reserve Street should be kept as an undisturbed academic site with no trail or other development undertaken.

The area between Michigan Avenue and Reserve Street could be developed with nature trails and multiple-purpose trails. Exact selection of site for these trails should be determined with input from Committee members and other concerned faculty.

- c. Due to the delicate nature of the new lake and its shoreline, a one year stabilization study should be established for the lake. During this stabilization period, non-intensive development such as hiking trails, observation benches, etc. would be <sup>approved</sup> ~~allowed~~, but no intensive development (such as restrooms, beach areas, piers, buildings) would be undertaken. The status of the lake, its stabilization, and its use shall be reviewed annually by the ~~North~~ <sup>"</sup> Campus Review Committee. <sup>"</sup> It is suggested that a minimum period of three years will be necessary for the lake to stabilize and its potential then evaluated.
  - d. Prohibit the use of all motorized vehicles within the environmental laboratory area, with obvious exceptions provided for utility and emergency vehicles.
  - e. Protection of the quality of the north campus area, especially the lake, should be promoted by encouraging the UW-Stevens Point Foundation, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Board of Regents to purchase parcels of land important to, and adjacent to, the current University land.
  - f. Any proposed development for the area should be reviewed by the ~~North~~ <sup>"</sup> Campus Review Committee, <sup>"</sup> and an environmental assessment and approval given only after it is well documented that such development is compatible with the aesthetic and educational priorities of the area, and that significant damage of existing natural communities does not occur.
- II. Other specific action taken by the North Campus Planning and Utilization Committee includes the following:
- 1. The southwest corner of the land bordered by Reserve, and Maria Street should remain in its current condition and be part of the Law-Con proposal.

2. The area surrounding University lake could be developed utilizing multiple-purpose trails. All multiple-purpose trails will utilize wood chips or other compatible materials.
3. The scenic outlook concept would be acceptable, but only if access was restricted to daylight use. The number of parking spaces should be limited so that it becomes a truly scenic outlook area, not a long term parking site.
4. The proposed bike-hike trail for the current Reserve Street site is to be an 8-foot wide, meandering, crushed stone surface, landscaped trail with no lighting and limited access.
5. The instructional ski slope should be located at the foot of Reserve Street, where it intersects with Maria Drive. It is essential that this slope be aesthetically pleasing, be covered with vegetation, and be compatible with the area. The soil and vegetation must be stabilized and appropriate funds allocated for the developed and maintenance of the slope.
6. The general concepts of the Law-Con project are supported, providing that the trails are located on dry sites or if they cross wet sites, they are placed on elevated boardwalks.
7. If the Butler building pad remains in the Law-Con project, this site should not be used for tennis courts. It should be returned to vegetative cover and explore possible uses such as a sports trail, picnicking, observation benches, etc.
8. An 8-foot sidewalk/bike route be placed on the east side of the Michigan Avenue extension. The west side should be disturbed no further. Four-way stop signs should be placed at the Michigan Avenue intersections with Maria and North Point.

9. The berm on the south and southwest side of the lake, between the scenic outlook and the bed of Moses Creek should be removed and relocated to the east side of Michigan Avenue and the north side of Maria Drive where it may serve in part as a base for the new sidewalk/bike trail area. - The area encompassed by the relocated berm should be fenced to the lake to prevent foot traffic on the shore. This shore should be allowed to develop some natural ecesis and plan succession with the assistance of some planting of native trees and shrubs.

In response to the Chancellor's charge, the North Campus Plans and Utilization Committee considers the following priorities essential to the planning and utilization of the north campus lands (University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Foundation, Inc.). All undisturbed land areas of the UW-Stevens Point and the UW-Stevens Point Foundation between North Point Drive and Maria Drive shall be designated as environmental laboratory and assigned the following use priorities:

- a. Aesthetic use
- b. Educational use
- c. Recreational use

Based on these priorities, the following specific recommendations are made:

1. The entire undeveloped area west of the new Michigan Avenue road and type 1 and type 2 wetlands east of the Michigan Avenue road be identified as a natural area used only for aesthetic and educational programs. Any proposed changes in the use of this area must be reviewed and approved by a North Campus Review Committee (see item 5).
2. Due to the delicate nature of the new lake and its shore line, a one-year stabilization study period be established for the lake area. During this shoreline stabilization study, non-intensive developments such as hiking trails, observation benches, etc. will be allowed but no intensive development (i.e. major structures, beach area) will be undertaken. The status of the Lake, its stabilization, and its use shall be reviewed annually by the North Campus Review Committee (see item 5). It is recognized that a minimum of three years will be necessary for the lake to stabilize and recreational potential evaluated.
3. Prohibit the use of all motorized vehicles within the environmental laboratory area with obvious exceptions provided for utility and emergency vehicles.

4. To protect the quality of the North Campus area, especially the lake, encourage the UW-Stevens Point Foundation, Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Board of Regents to purchase parcels of land important to, and adjacent to, current University land as well as lands west of Highway 51 bypass.
5. A Standing Committee (North Campus Review Committee) should be available to review environmental assessments and recommend actions on the establishment of all proposed projects in the environmental laboratory area. The North Campus Plans and Utilization Committee could serve this function.
6. Any intensive developments such as the proposed sports trail, Chancellor residence, tennis courts, bicycle trails, formal picnic areas, etc. shall be reviewed by the North Campus Review Committee after environmental assessment and approval given only after it is well demonstrated that such facilities are compatible with the aesthetic and educational purposes of the area and that significant damage of existing natural communities is not done.

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*Mary Williams*

TO: Dr. Daniel Trainer, Dean  
College of Natural Resources

FROM: Mary Williams, Exec. Secy. to the Chancellor

SUBJECT: North Campus Plans & Utilization Committee

DATE: February 12, 1976

These people have been contacted to appoint representatives to serve on the North Campus Plans and Utilization Committee:

- Bob Wiza
- Steve Gutreuter-Co-chairmen, Environmental Council ✓
- Bob Badzinski - Pres. Student Senate ✓
- CNR Student Advisory Council ✓
- Dean Joseph S. Woodka ✓
- Dean William Hanford ✓
- Dean Arthur Fritschel ✓

These individuals have been asked to serve:

- K. B. Willett, Pres. Board of Directors UWSP Foundation, Inc.
- Professor Robert Miller, Chm. CNR Land Use Committee

These people have been asked to serve as ex-officio members:

- Raymond Specht, University Planner
- Harlan Hoffbeck, Facilities Management

I have been asked to serve as a representative of the Chancellor, and I accept. I will help out in any way I can.

Donald C. Gerhard, U. W. Central Administration, has been asked to serve and to come to what meetings he can. When he is here next Tuesday I will ask him about the services of the landscape architect, Dick Ehrenberg, also of Central Administration, as a consultant to the committee.

On behalf of the Chancellor, thank you for taking this chairmanship, and good luck!

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Date: July 21, 1978

File Ref:

To: Dean Daniel Trainer  
Chairperson, North Campus Plans & Utilization Committee

From: Paul Kelch   
Secretary, Administrative Council

Subject: Committee Assignments

Will you please advise us of any changes in the membership of the North Campus Plans & Utilization Committee for the current year? Please return your update to me by September 1, 1978.

<u>Agency/Activity</u>	<u>Member</u>
Chairperson	- D. Trainer
Student Environmental Council	- J. Adams
Student Senate	-
CNR Student Adv. Council	- C. Barkow
Letters & Science	- D. Hillier
Professional Studies	- J. Munson
Fine Arts	- D. Fabiano
Natural Resources	- D. Trainer
Board of Directors, UWSP Foundation	- K. Willett
Chp., CNR Land Use Committee	- R. Miller
University Planner	- R. Specht
Dir. Facilities Mgmt.	- H. Hoffbeck
Spec. Asst. to the Chancellor	- M. Williams
UW-Admin.-Resource Person	- D. Gerhard
UW-Admin.-Resource Person	- D. Ehrenberg

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MEMO

TO: Paul Kelch, Secretary  
Administrative Council

FROM: Daniel O. Trainer, Dean  
College of Natural Resources

RE: North Campus Planning Committee

DATE: July 28, 1978

In regard to your memorandum of July 21, 1978 concerning the North Campus Planning Committee, the committee went out of existence last year with the establishment of the Campus Long-Range Planning Committee.

As a result, we have not met or been consulted on any North Campus matters during the last year.

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cc: Mary Williams