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Project Name: University of Pittsburgh Master Plan

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*Note: **Bold text** denotes a reoccurring comment*

Strengths

- Integration with urban environment
- Green spaces
- Good residential options for upper classmen
- Res Halls on hill
- Grounds on Cathedral area
- Garden
- Innovation centers
- Mix of historic and new buildings contribute to the campus
- Taller buildings that have had renovation
- Compactness, large school feel
- Sports Dome
- Oakland as a central location
- Connections to the surrounding communities
- Focus on sustainability, though room for improvement
- Bikeability on Bigelow
- Bus systems good
- Proximity to great medical institutions
- Pitt union study lounges, but too small

Weaknesses/Disadvantages

- Hard to find study space
- Hard to get food and poor food access
- Enlarging population of undergrads
- Difficulty finding meeting spaces
- **Gender neutrality**, women's products in bathroom, access for disabilities
- Gentrification?
- No grocery on campus
- No affordable parking spaces (OC Lot sold out very quickly)
- Disabilities
- Bicycle facilities on Forbes + Fifth
- Housing affordability
- Recreation Center at Bellefield
- Office space, especially Art and Arch History
- Improve transit options
- Accessibility for staff to use transit
- Lack of office space for faculty
- **Older buildings nice, but interiors should be up to date**
- Poor conditions; Forbes crossing
- Quad has no AC

- Poor access to 2nd floor of Cathedral
- Poor student appliances, laundry
- Lack of street furniture in some spaces, trash cans confusing
- No comprehensive WiFi coverage
- Poor water quality
- Waste of energy and space

Opportunities

- One single meeting space system
- Partner to find grocery store
- Extend opportunities, Skyvue, PAA
- Larger outdoor events, close Bigelow at Union
- Centralized recreation facility
- Activate spaces in Schenley Quad
- Make classrooms more accessible for collaboration
- Rec facility on lower campus
- Study library space on upper campus
- How to get football closer to campus?
- Clearer communication on transit services
- Diversity
- More spaces, student union style or campus
- Storage spaces, office spaces for organizations
- Improved bus shelters
- **Communal cooking space**
- Centralized space for student organizations
- Better wayfinding, signage of buildings
- Better consolidate class locations
- **Landscaping w/native species to mitigate stormwater runoff**
- Define areas for student advertising, flyers
- Composting areas
- **Encouraging use of stairs over elevators**
- Better locations for bike parking
- Partnerships with ride sharing organizations
- Greek Life expansion

Threats/Challenges

- N/A