Guiding Principles

Bowdoin College …

• is a compact and mixed use campus
• is a walkable campus
• is a historically significant campus
• is connected to the Town of Brunswick and the larger community
• is a steward of the natural environment
• is an ecological campus with established standards for sustainability and energy consumption
• will have clear design standards for all construction and renovation projects
Evolution of the Campus

1794-1850
The Great Lawn

1851-1900
The Historic Quad

1901-1950
The Campus Core

1950-2000
The Extended Campus
Planning considerations
Campus Facilities

- Enhanced campus experience
- Renovation as a key to meet present needs
- Space utilization and emerging opportunities
- Preservation and adaptive reuse

Buildings over 50 years

Buildings less than 50 Years

Less than 15,000 sf each
A shifting “center of gravity”

• Over the last 10 years, the center of gravity has shifted south

• College Street has become an important campus crossroad

• How does this impact our planning around the campus experience?
A strategic resource for the future

- Lands currently owned by the college preserve a mostly contiguous campus footprint
- Adjacent sites maintain the character and scale within the core campus
- How does this impact our thinking around the intermediate priorities of 10 years, and a longer-term horizon of 30 or more years?
Looking ahead ... new challenges

• Flexible and adaptable teaching spaces are in the highest demand
• Learning is increasingly extending beyond the classroom
• Increase in cross discipline interaction and academic courses
• Demands in science for additional laboratory space
• Libraries shifting from “information commons to learning commons”
• Need to replace outdated upper class housing
• Increase in athletics and recreation placing demands on existing fields and facilities
• Integrate campus and sustainability planning
Emphasize connectivity and “long walks”

- Reinforce the Bowdoin campus as compact, walkable and bikeable
- Create new “long walks” connecting to the core of the campus
- Consider limiting vehicle access North and South Campus Drive, College Street, and Coffin Street
- Remove Dudley Coe to extend connection to The Roux Center
- Improve Coffin Street as important pedestrian link to athletics
- Strengthen the pedestrian link to Edwards Art Center
Medium Term Priorities
2025

Teaching and Learning Initiatives
• Roux Center for the Environment
• Schiller Coastal Studies Center
• Faculty and Teaching Spaces
  • Sills Hall Renovation
  • Use of vacated spaces post-Roux
• Arctic Museum + Classroom Building
  • Use of vacated spaces in Hubbard

Student Life Initiatives
• Upperclass Housing
  • Park Row Apartments (+88 beds)
  • Harpswell Apartments (+176 beds)
  • Brunswick Apartments
  • Decommission Pine Street, Stowe Inn, and existing Harpswell Apartments (-164 beds)
• Whittier Field Improvements