The Capital Projects Advisory Committee (CPAC) is charged with advising the President on the physical development of the campus, including, new construction, major renovations, new leases, redevelopment of space, and acquisitions of property. The CPAC sets capital priorities, helps determine physical growth, and ensures that space is managed well and utilized efficiently.

The primary responsibilities of the committee include:

- Prioritizing capital projects
- Prioritizing department space expansion plans
- Reviewing the use of new internal or external space
- Providing input on deferred maintenance needs and priorities
- Approving policies and procedures regarding space use standards, allocation, planning, and utilization
- Assisting and advising on physical planning studies and space efficiency analysis
- Periodically reviewing existing space utilization which may lead to recommendations to re-assign space

What drives a prioritization of Capital Projects?

- How is the program driven or enhanced by the project?
- How is deferred and preventative maintenance accomplished or enhanced by the project?
- How does the project help us with our needs for safety, security, and mandated compliance with regulations?
- What is required to fund the project?

How does prioritization move from idea to the potential action?

1) For projects less than $100K, we will evaluate them for their potential for being included in the annual capital renewal budget, and/or using individual area budgets. Most of these projects will progress based on recommendations that emerge from the subcommittees of the Capital Projects Advisory Committees.

2) For projects greater than $100K we will look at these as being prioritized using the range of funding sources that become available during any given year. This could be a combination of sources. These projects will receive a review for prioritization annually through the Capital Projects Advisory Committee.

3) Single projects that by a reasonable look, appear to be outside the scope of what would be available during a regular budget year, this generally means a cost greater than $700K. These will generally be viewed through a different set of lenses for funding and implementation. We would place these projects into a process of additional scrutiny related to fund raising, partnerships, bond financing and gifts. These will also likely require greater scrutiny, prioritization, and often, Trustee level prioritization.