B. Priorities

Four strategic priorities cut across the global issues that are the heart of the Plan and inform the goals and recommended actions. These priorities are the pillars on which the Plan is built.

Excellence. The University has reaffirmed in all official University documents its commitment to excellence. In accord with this mandate, this Plan aspires to excellence in its vision of a campus serviceable for the next decades, confident and outspoken in its identity and treasured by alumni and friends. Though current fiscal and other challenges loom, the Plan will present a blueprint for future development that is visionary and realistic. The University is required to present a Plan that will guide the orderly development of the campus over the next decades. The aim of this plan is higher. Its goal is to imagine a campus that excels in beauty and functionality and creates the optimum environment in which the academic enterprise and the University family can flourish. Long-term development patterns, land use, redevelopment and renovation strategies will be designed to utilize and balance available land and financial resources effectively. Projected development patterns will be a model of smart growth.

Connectivity. Members of the University are part of a community within a natural and cultural context, and connections to the community are a significant part of the Plan. Goals and actions are recommended to facilitate and encourage connectivity on a variety of levels. Design and landscape patterns connect districts one to another and connect the campus to the mid-Atlantic ecology. Planning for all facilities and physical systems is designed to increase the sense