

St. John's University (Collegeville, Minn.). Campus Planning and Design Committee.

Records, 2012-

SJU Archival Collection 44

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ABSTRACT: Records of the Campus Planning and Design Committee (CPDC). Formerly called the Design Committee, this group became the Corporate Design Committee in 2001. The current name was adopted in 2012. This advisory committee makes recommendations to St. John's Abbey and St. John's University pertaining to new construction, renovation of facilities, landscaping, signage, and the aesthetics of shared spaces.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: The collection comprises print materials originating from the Campus Planning and Design Committee. It includes agenda and minutes. It also includes attachments to the minutes such as architectural drawings, presentations, and correspondence.

Frequent topics include interior design, building renovation, landscaping, lighting, signs, and memorials. The committee sometimes considers matters that have environmental as well as aesthetic aspects.

St. John's University Archives holds print copies of some of the minutes of the Design Committee prior to 2007, and most of the Corporate Design Committee minutes from 2007 to 2012 in electronic format as well as in print.

With the transition to a joint Abbey and University Campus Planning and Design Committee in 2012, its minutes and accompanying materials were systematically archived digitally and in print. As of October 2018, University Archives continues to archive all print and digital materials sent by the CPDC, but no longer creates printed copies of CPDC materials received only in digital format.

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY: "Sensitivity to and concern for aesthetic and stewardship issues led University President Michael Blecker, O.S.B., to establish a design committee in the early 1970s as a standing university committee. Over the years, it developed into an advisory board for all of the divisions of the Order of Saint Benedict:

Saint John's Abbey, Saint John's Preparatory School, Saint John's University, and Liturgical Press." -- *Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Order of St. Benedict (d/b/a Order of Saint Benedict) and Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota 7.1(c)*, July 2012.

The Design Committee was renamed the Corporate Design Committee in 2001, the corporation being the Order of St. Benedict, Inc. St. John's University was a division of the Order of St. Benedict, and ultimately under the administration of the Abbot of St. John's Abbey. When St. John's University was separately incorporated in July 2012, the group became a joint committee of the Order of St. Benedict and St. John's University, and adopted the name of Campus Planning and Design Committee.

ARRANGEMENT: The files are organized chronologically.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: There are no access restrictions on the materials, and the collection is open to all members of the public.

COLLECTION CITATION: This collection should be cited as:

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RELATED COLLECTIONS: See also **AC 05**, Office of the President, for Design Committee minutes from 1973 to 1982, and 1988 to 2001, and for Corporate Design Committee minutes, 2001-2012.

Further materials from the Design Committee between 1973 and 1995 are found in **AC 02**, Vice President for Academic Affairs; **AC 10**, Dean of the College; **AC 04**, Vice President for Student Affairs; and **AC 13**, Library Director.

St. John's Abbey Archives also holds records of the Campus Planning and Design Committee and its predecessors.

ACQUISITION: Accession 2012-028 was transferred to the Archives by Michael D. Kathman on September 6, 2012. The remainder of the accessions were deposited by Robin Pierzina, OSB. Accession 2012-029 was deposited in the Archives on September 7, 2012. Accession 2016-018 was transferred to the Archives beginning July 9, 2015. Accession 2018-016 was transferred to the Archives beginning August 15, 2018. Accession 2020-

013 was transferred to the Archives beginning October 12, 2019. Accession 2022-003 was transferred to the Archives beginning in 2022.

Accessions 2012-028 and 2012-029 are print surrogates of materials received electronically, and were processed by Elizabeth T. Knuth on February 23, 2021. Accession 2016-018 was processed by Molly Heller in 2016, by Matthew Genereau in 2017, and by Elizabeth T. Knuth in 2018 and 2019. Accession 2020-013 was processed by Claire Folkestad on December 11, 2020. Accession 2022-003 was processed by Olivia Schleper in 2023, and by Elizabeth T. Knuth, Nathaniel Wright, Thomas Meier, Melissa Tovar-Guerrero, and Eva Kordiak in 2024.

Accruals are anticipated.

SUBJECT TERMS:

- St. John's University (Collegeville, Minn.). Campus Planning and Design Committee.
- St. John's Abbey (Collegeville, Minn.). Corporate Design Committee.
- St. John's University (Collegeville, Minn.). Design Committee.
- St. John's University (Collegeville, Minn.)—Buildings.
- Campus Planning—Minnesota—Collegeville.

INVENTORY: For contents, see the "[Campus Planning and Design Committee](#)" collection in the Saint John's University Archives and Special Collections database. To include earlier material, [search the database for "Design Committee"](#) instead.
