

SECTION 2.0

INTRODUCTION

The mission of the office of Facilities Planning and Construction is carried out at three levels: (1) overall campus planning; (2) planning and design of facilities including buildings, landscapes, and infrastructure; and (3) construction of facilities.

This volume records the *Campus Design Guidelines and Standards* for the University of Houston. The contents of this volume are intended to facilitate the work of architects, landscape architects, and engineers whose work for the UH affects the UH campus. The information is organized and presented from the general to the specific.

The planning principles are intended to inform the designers with the general ambience, aesthetics, order, and traditions of the campus as a whole. The *Section 12.0 Architectural Design Guidelines* and *Section 6.0 Landscape Design Guidelines* distill and focus those fundamental values as they apply to specific projects and describe the expected level of quality. The "Space Guidelines and Utilization Goals" are intended to assist the designer by providing certain fundamental area and space relationship information that is required to be part of the project. The "Construction Systems and Assemblies Standards and Guidelines" provide the designer with technical performance standards and specifications that are required in the project.

Also included in this volume is information concerning environmentally responsible design, parking lot design, campus lighting design, and interior and exterior wayfinding.