# framing the future

AN ART SCHOOL FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

# MISSION AND VALUES

# MISSION

California College of the Arts educates students to shape culture and society through the practice and critical study of art, architecture, design, and writing. Benefiting from its San Francisco Bay Area location, the college prepares students for lifelong creative work by cultivating innovation, community engagement, and social and environmental responsibility.

# VALUES

As an educational and cultural institution, CCA believes in fostering the artistic and academic excellence cultivate intellectual curiosity and risk taking, collaboration and innovation, compassion and integrity. As a global citizen and a good neighbor, CCA believes economies and the role of artists, in its role as a proponent of social justice and community engagement. We solving social, cultural, environmental, promote diversity on our campuses by improving access and opportunities

for underrepresented groups, and we see this endeavor as vitally enriching for everyone. We value sustainability and believe that as a school of the arts we have a unique ability and an ethical responsibility to shape a culture that is more environmentally responsible. We understand the importance of creative designers, architects, and writers in

# CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

# OUR STRATEGY

This document is a road map for shaping the future of California College of the Arts. It comes at an important point in the college's history—a time when it is experiencing significant opportunities and challenges. These include our own ambition to embrace next-generation educational pedagogy and programs; changes in regulatory requirements in higher education; evolving market demand; new technologies; the economic growth of San Francisco and the greater Bay Area; and a prioritization of long-range sustainability in all its forms—environmental, social, financial.



# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT For more than a century California College of the Arts (CCA) has educated young creative people to become problem-solvers, trailblazers, and entrepreneurs, while embracing our values of social responsibility, diversity, and academic excellence. We now have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make a fundamental change that will allow us to redefine arts education for the 21st century. We want to bring together our two campuses to create a unified, innovative, and vibrant institution in San Francisco that will have a powerful and lasting effect on cultural, social, and environmental issues. Our goal in implementing this change, however, is not to reshape CCA's core mission and educational ideology. Rather, we strive to reaffirm our powerful founding legacy in the Arts and Crafts movement, to amplify the college's reputation for diverse practice, and to promote the distinctive educational model that has defined a CCA education for over 100 years. Strategic Framework for Campus Planning In June 2015, we completed the first phase of a long-range plan—a strategic framework to develop a path to CCA's future. The yearlong process involved faculty, students, staff, alumni, and trustees, and built on our previous work in academic planning. This publication documents the process and presents findings and recommendations, which focus on key areas such as student experience, housing, and financing. From Two Campuses to One During the planning process, we confirmed that one of our greatest challenges is CCA's two-campus structure and its effect on teaching and learning inside and outside the classroom. The physical divide that currently separates our community of makers presents social, logistical, and most importantly, pedagogical challenges. Bringing our academic programs together would have far-reaching benefits. It could significantly increase synergies among disciplines; allow us to build new, improved, and integrated facilities for making, learning, and living; and increase connections among CCA community members and with leading practitioners, industries, and supporters outside the college. A Moment To be Bold The steps we are taking today will prepare us for the future and position CCA to take advantage of opportunities that we couldn't even have imagined as recently as five years ago. This is a moment for CCA to be bold. We are in the right place, at the right time, with the right values and educational model. Sincerely, Stephen Beal CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

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# ES EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

"We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them."

Albert Einstein









# 1.0 OUR OPPORTUNITY

"CCA is in the enviable position of being able to redefine what an art and design educational institution looks like in the 21st century."

Steve Beal, President



# 1.1\_A UNIQUE MOMENT

Very rarely in an institution's history does it have the opportunity to pivot in a way that makes its mission both more relevant and more sustainable.

Remarkably, the Bay Area has seen this happen more than once in recent years. The Exploratorium moved to the waterfront and expanded. UCSF created a whole new community, Mission Bay. The California Academy of Sciences and the de Young scrapped their buildings and started over. And SFMOMA acquired adjacent land to more than double its size.

CCA's trustees provided the college with a similar capacity to change when they secured one of the last large parcels of land in San Francisco, immediately next to the existing campus. We were then able to create an Art and Design Educational Special Use District that combines the two parcels.

CCA now has the ability to bring everything together in one location—one with flexible teaching and learning environments, energy-efficient equipment and buildings, affordable net-zero housing, and resilient landscaping and living roofs.

# A MOVING STORY\_

"At Pixar, the two campuses were so dramatically different. Point Richmond was treated by Pixarians much like a messy college dorm — scooters in the halls, video games, huge props and objects laying around. When we moved to Emeryville, here was a brand-new, bespoke building—Steve Jobs's personal pride and joy. That left us feeling excited about having our very own modern space and yet totally freaked out that it would lack the mojo, the personalization, and the vibe of the old Point Richmond campus. Instead, the facility became immediately 'lived in' and shaped by the Pixar community into a contemporary environment incorporating both messy and fun workspaces."

Jay Ward (BFA 1993), Pixar

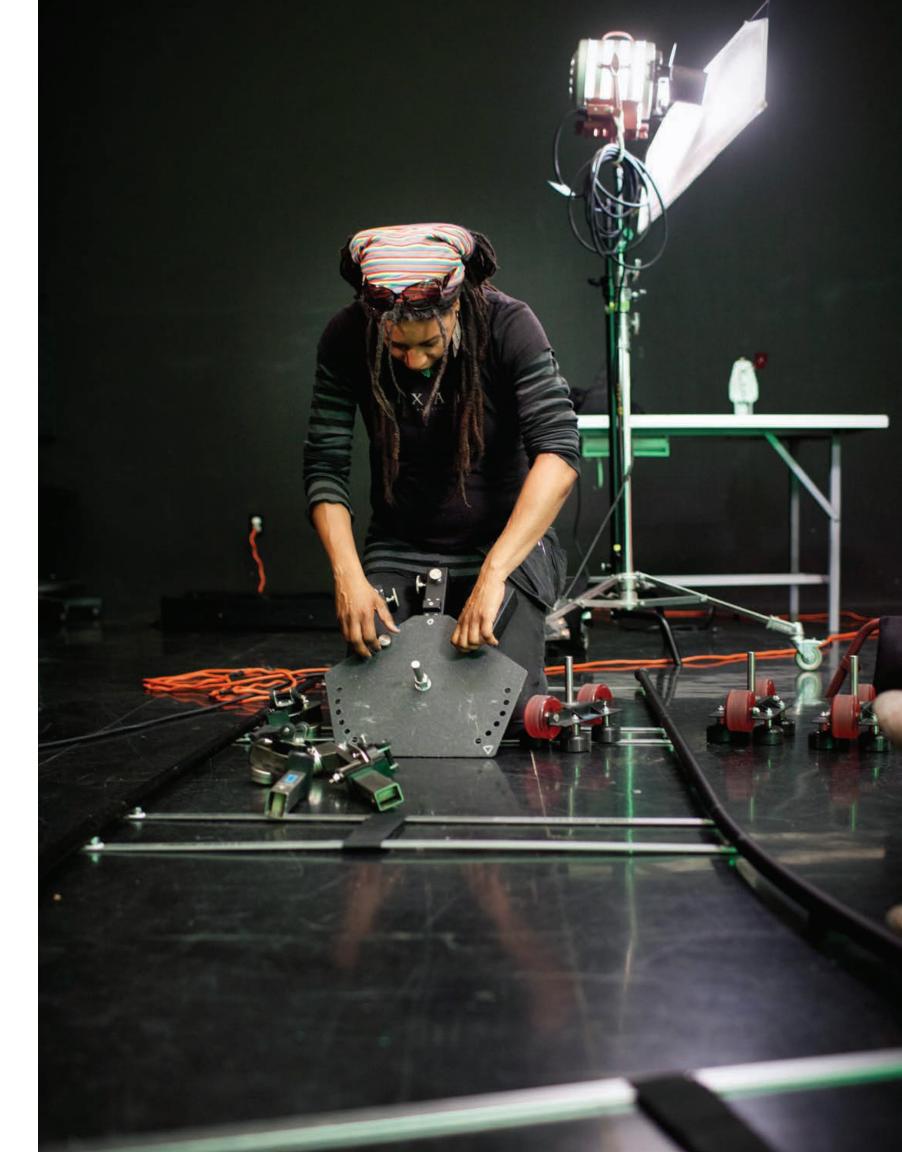
# **1.2**\_A THINKING AND MAKING CURRICULUM

CCA strives to offer an art and design education with a distinctive structure and style.

Our students, regardless of their choice of major, engage in project-based learning. They practice integrative, teamcentered thinking and build their ideas through iterative, progressive modeling. They gain empathy, and an appreciation for how different disciplines bring distinct approaches to solving complex real-world problems. They learn to focus their creative ideas and to make art that matters—not just within the boundaries of our campus, but also out in the world.

Art and design students learn within a culture of critique, where they present their creative work to peers, faculty, and outside experts in a public forum.

Feedback is not confined to private comments from teacher to student through an end-of-term paper. Rather, it is direct and continuous, in a forum of diverse and sometimes conflicting views and opinions.





# 2.0 OUR CONTEXT

"The world is not flat – it's hyper-local."

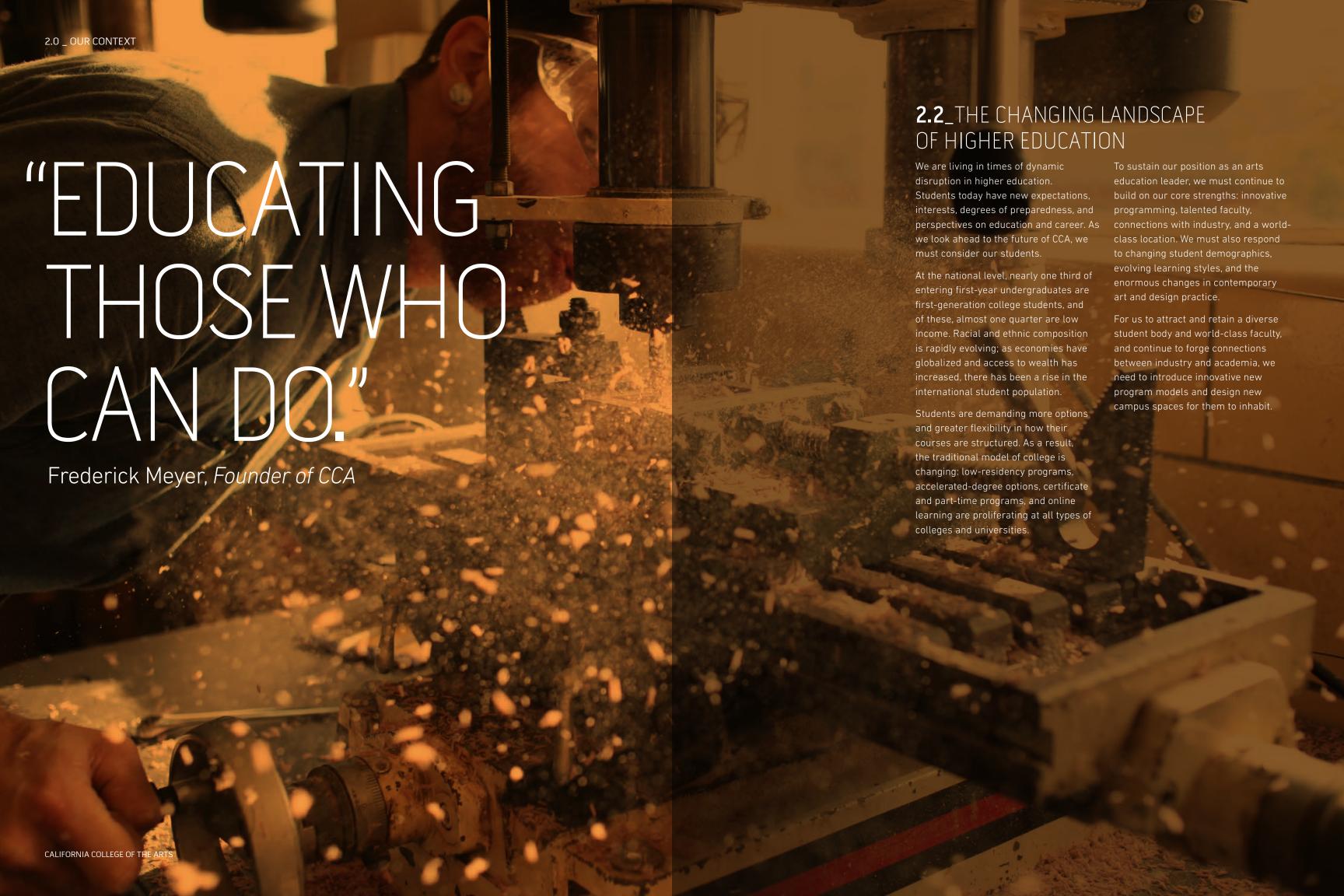
Douglas Crawford, Associate Director QB3

# **2.1**\_FOUNDING VISION

Frederick Meyer founded CCA in 1907, one year after the 1906 earthquake and fire devastated San Francisco. At our very genesis, then, an entrepreneurial vision and resiliency underscores CCA's ethos. Meyer was a strong proponent of the Arts and Crafts movement, which sought to connect art to social, political, and economic issues as a means to solve problems and make a positive contribution to the community. It was a time of rebuilding and rebirth in San Francisco, and Meyer was at the forefront.

Today, as the role of creativity in our society and economy is increasingly recognized and valued, CCA's founding ideals have never been more relevant. Artists, designers, architects, and writers play a critical role in addressing societal challenges and have become leaders in a culture that relies on the marriage of technological innovation and creative content. Like the Arts and Crafts movement of the early 1900s, San Francisco is in the midst of another zeitgeist, and Meyer's legacy is perfectly positioned to deepen its ties to the community and be impactful.





# 2.3\_LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Where a student receives their education is key. CCA is at the epicenter of a regional hub of creativity and innovation. We're in the right place at the right time.

The San Francisco Bay Area is a global center of innovation and creativity, defined by entrepreneurship, sustainability, and social activism, as well as design and technology. Our region is home to thousands of new start-ups, and some of the most prominent tech firms in the world: Google, Apple, Facebook, Yahoo, Adobe, Intel. The Bay Area is experiencing stronger connectivity through foreign direct investment, links to other technology regions, large numbers of international students at our colleges and universities, and a globally diverse population that serves as an important business and cultural bridge.

Concentrating CCA in San Francisco will give us better access to some of the world's most creative teaching talent as well as an increased ability to forge connections with Bay Area corporations, arts and cultural institutions, nonprofits, and other world-class educational entities. It will also provide a remarkable link to the global community, and a place-based cultural identity that stands out in the competitive global and domestic marketplace.

# INNOVATION CORRIDOR

Located in an area recently described as the "Innovation Corridor," our San Francisco campus is poised to play a key role in the rise of one of the last stillunderdeveloped areas of the city. The campus occupies a strategic position between the new biotech and medical research area anchored by UCSF's Mission Bay campus and the Showplace Square Design District with its many design firms, start-ups, and larger tech companies. Enhancing the lively neighborhood and relations between CCA and the dynamic industry already surrounding us is a key component of our mission and critical for our success.

# CHANGING FACE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD

When CCA first purchased the Greyhound building in San Francisco in 1995, the neighborhood was characterized by light manufacturing, and there were many underdeveloped parcels. Much has changed in the past 20 years, and CCA has played an instrumental role in shaping these changes. The acquisition and renovation of several buildings; the daily presence of hundreds of students, faculty, and staff; the continued growth of our academic programs; and the wide array of programming open to the public—all of these have contributed to transforming the area into a vigorous urban campus environment.

### GAME-CHANGING ACQUISITION

The recent purchase of the two-and-a-half-acre adjacent lot was a game changer for CCA—it is allowing us to explore bringing together the Oakland and San Francisco programs in one location. We envision a sustainable campus with technologically advanced art and design studios, student housing, restaurants and other retail activity, green space, community space, and "incubator" facilities to nurture our creative relationships with community, academic, cultural, and industry partners.



# 3.0 OUR CULTURE

"A new campus could merge the patina of the Oakland campus with the transparency of the San Francisco campus. Students should walk in and have a natural understanding of the place that is consistent with our ethos."

Faculty member during the planning process

# 3.1\_ACADEMIC PLAN THEMES

The development of CCA's Academic Plan in 2014 came at an important point in the college's history—a time of key decisions around location, growth, competition, sustainability, and dynamic change in higher education, including opportunities and challenges specific to art institutions. The Academic Pathways Plan sought to respond to a wide range of trends that are influencing our educational model.

# **KEY PRINCIPLES\_**

Increased desire for **flexible**, **personalized** education options

A more **interdisciplinary education** that blurs borders

A growing desire on the part of our students, faculty, and staff for **social impact** that connects art and design to civic service and social justice

More **diversity** initiatives in pedagogy and practice

Expectations for **ecologically** responsible, sustainable design

**Partnerships** and **relationships** that diversify programs and revenue sources

Increase in **international** student population

Substantial new thinking about how to define and provide the **creative leadership** necessary for the betterment of society



# **3.2**\_LEARNING HAPPENS EVERYWHERE

Students engage in a variety of ways throughout the day, in a range of environments. It can happen in the studios, the labs, student housing, hallways, outdoor spaces, and the city at large.

# LEARNING BY DOING \_

CCA provides a variety of space typologies: formal instructional spaces, informal "safe failure" zones for experimentation, and multi-zone spaces that offer settings for different activities. All of these environments should have the flexibility to evolve over time.

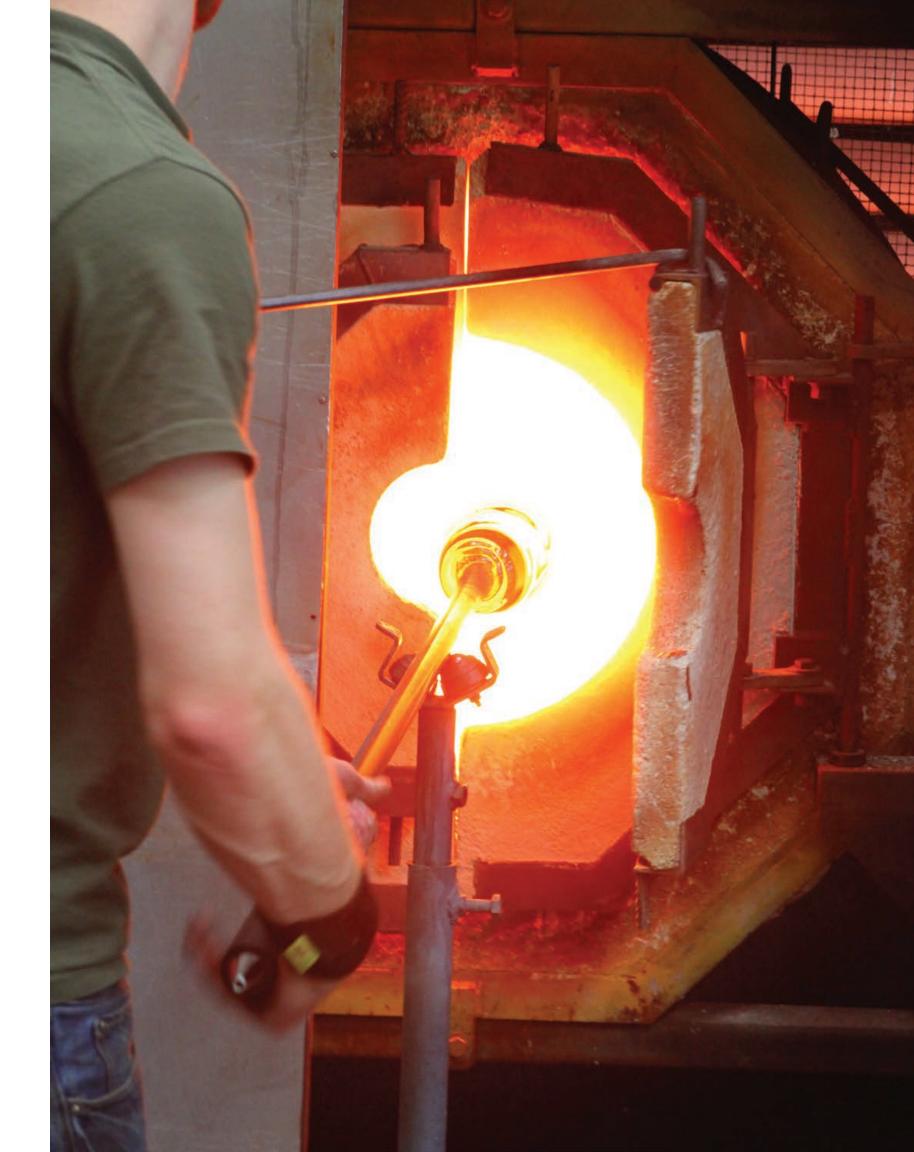
# LEARNING THROUGH ADJACENCIES\_

Even passive exposure to different disciplines is an opportunity to encourage learners to imagine dynamic new relationships among subjects, media, and creative processes.

Adjacencies enable interdisciplinary interactions that can be deliberate or serendipitous.

# LEARNING MADE VISIBLE\_

We aspire to create "teaching buildings" by putting processes and outcomes on display whenever possible. Increasing the transparency of instructional spaces, shops, and studios sparks interest across subjects and disciplines. Building design and engineering can and should tell stories about sustainability and responsibility, and promote engagement with the physical environment.





# **3.4**\_LEVERAGE RENEWABLE RESOURCES

While CCA has created new and renovated college facilities that are LEED Platinum certified and have won numerous green awards, many aspects of art and design practice everywhere continue to be chemically toxic, energy inefficient, and resource intensive.

The intention of this plan is to create a path toward physical conditions that have a minimal or positive impact on the planet. The equipment, tools, materials, and behaviors in which we engage must be wholly rethought. Why can't the heat from a hyper-insulated, ultra-efficient glass furnace or ceramic kiln be captured for other uses? Must a hazardous or environmentally challenging methodology continue to be accepted practice simply because it is traditional, or can we invent new ways of working? How might we embed a sustainable, responsible, cradle-to-cradle mentality in every course description?





# **3.5**\_TAKING THE LEAD IN THE DIGITAL REVOLUTION

Technological innovation has fundamentally changed how human beings interact and express their creativity. We discover, express, and experience information differently as a result. Today, learning happens anywhere and everywhere as education, like many other aspects of our lives, has become mobile, personalized, and social. Technology enables students and instructors to transcend the physical and temporal boundaries of campus facilities, and empowers students to create on their own schedules at their own pace using resources that are available 24/7.

For example, a small 3D printer on an industrial design student's desk can print footwear prototypes on demand. All the software an art and design student needs is now available from the Cloud. Images and film clips can be shared in entirely new contexts, where they gain new meanings.

Technology is helping to shape emerging values, in which flexibility is a core and vital component of learning. These values are embodied in the work, life, and attitudes of contemporary art and design practices. And our students are the next generation of thought leaders in this respect.

"As much as we would like culture to drive technology, technology is equally driving culture. Students arrive at CCA with notions of what technology should do for them and how they should control that interaction."

Mara Hancock, CCA CIO



# 4.0 OUR PROCESS

"Luck is the residue of design."

Branch Rickey

# **4.1\_** PLANNING PROCESS

In January 2014, CCA engaged the firm Gensler to lead our longrange campus development planning process. With Gensler as our primary consultant, we engaged the firm MK Think to assist in providing core strategic services related to spatial analytics. These planning partners helped lead CCA to develop a forwardthinking strategy.

## **INVESTIGATION PHASE**

The investigation phase was launched formally in May 2014 with all program chairs. The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, working closely with the Provost, appointed a Faculty Campus Planning Committee to work with our consultants over the summer. These sessions included group discussions on benchmarking, spatial typologies, scenarios, and affinity mapping exercises. This led to a set of guiding principles building on prior institution-wide planning efforts (CCA's Strategic Plan and Academic Pathways Plan).

Parallel to this work, MK Think began an in-depth process of data collection and analysis. This involved the validation and evaluation of all the existing facility data for both campuses. The analytics helped frame the key issues and opportunities available to the college through the development of a comprehensive asset/space inventory and database management system, a spatial mapping analysis, and a utilization and occupancy analysis.

# CONVERSATION AND DEFINITION PHASE

Broad input from the range of college stakeholders was key to successfully developing CCA's long-range development strategy, with faculty playing a central role. Over the course of a year, meetings and broader forums took place that provided opportunities for representatives from the CCA community—students, faculty, staff, trustees, and alumni—to contribute to this process.

Stakeholder engagement began with asking all faculty to reflect on both the Oakland and San Francisco campuses and identify spaces, ideas, qualities, or activities they would like to retain, enhance, introduce, and discard in considering a new campus. In this R.E.I.D. exercise, more than 1,600 data points were gathered from faculty across all programs and disciplines, allowing the Gensler team to begin affinity mapping across the college.

Interdisciplinary faculty focus groups engaged in discussions centered on the future of art and design education and what systems, environments, resources, and relationships will be needed to make these shifts. Staff, student, and alumni groups engaged in discussions around the future of making/education/practice and the tools, spaces, infrastructure, and technology needed to best support our students and faculty. The Board of Trustees was also deeply engaged throughout the process, in particular around real estate considerations, long-term development issues, and financial impact.

# CCA COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT\_

- 3 Faculty Campus Planning Committee Meetings
- 1 Faculty Senate Meeting
- 2 Senior Cabinet Retreats
- 1 Department Chair Meeting
- 1 All-Faculty Meeting
- 7 Faculty Focus Group Meetings
- 5 Staff Focus Group Meetings

- 1 Alumni Focus Group Meeting
- 2 Student Focus Group Meetings
- 2 All-Student Engagements
- 4 Board of Trustees Meetings
- 3 Board Facilities Committee Meetings
- 20 Campus Planning Leadership Meetings

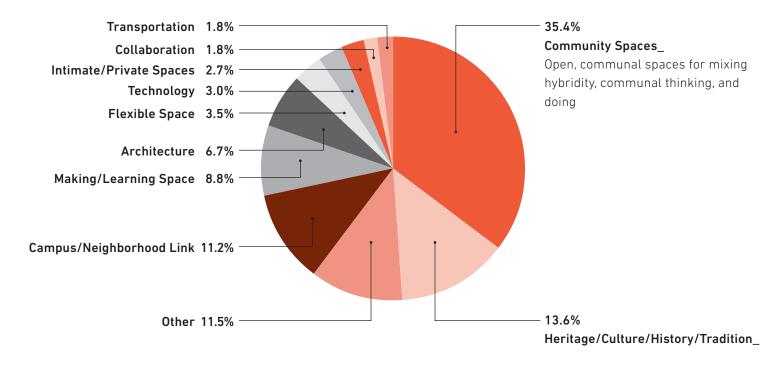
# LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT STUDY\_

MAY 2014
INVESTIGATE
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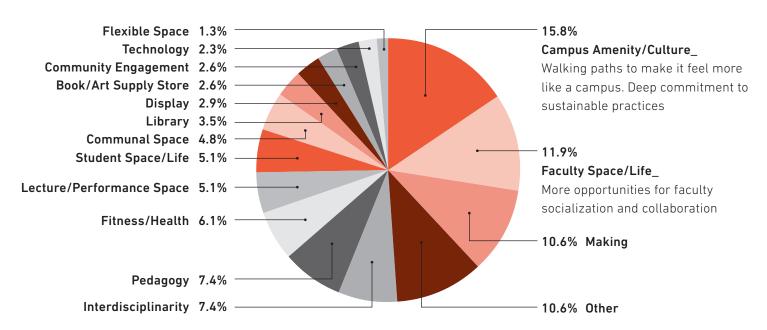
AUG 2014 CONVERSE Frame Inform NOV 2014 DEFINE Guide Vision JAN 2015 DOCUMENT Draft LRDS Recommendations

# **4.2**\_STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT: REID EXERCISE

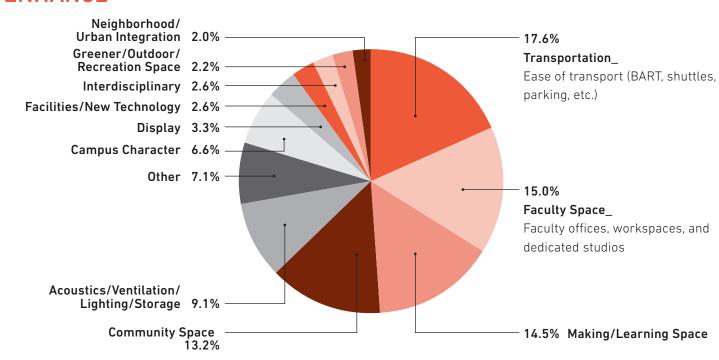
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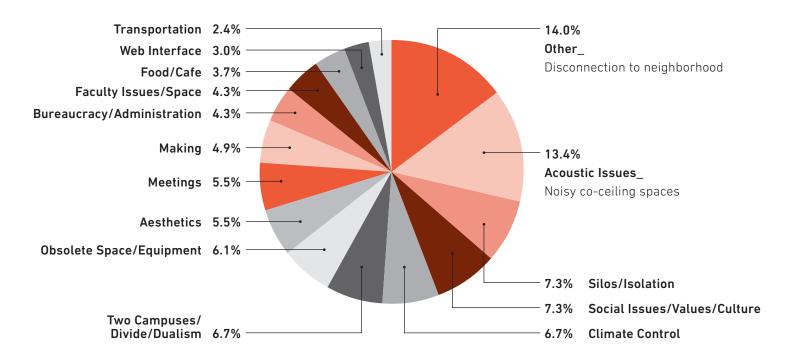
# **INTRODUCE**



# **ENHANCE**



# **DISCARD**





# 5.0 OUR APPROACH

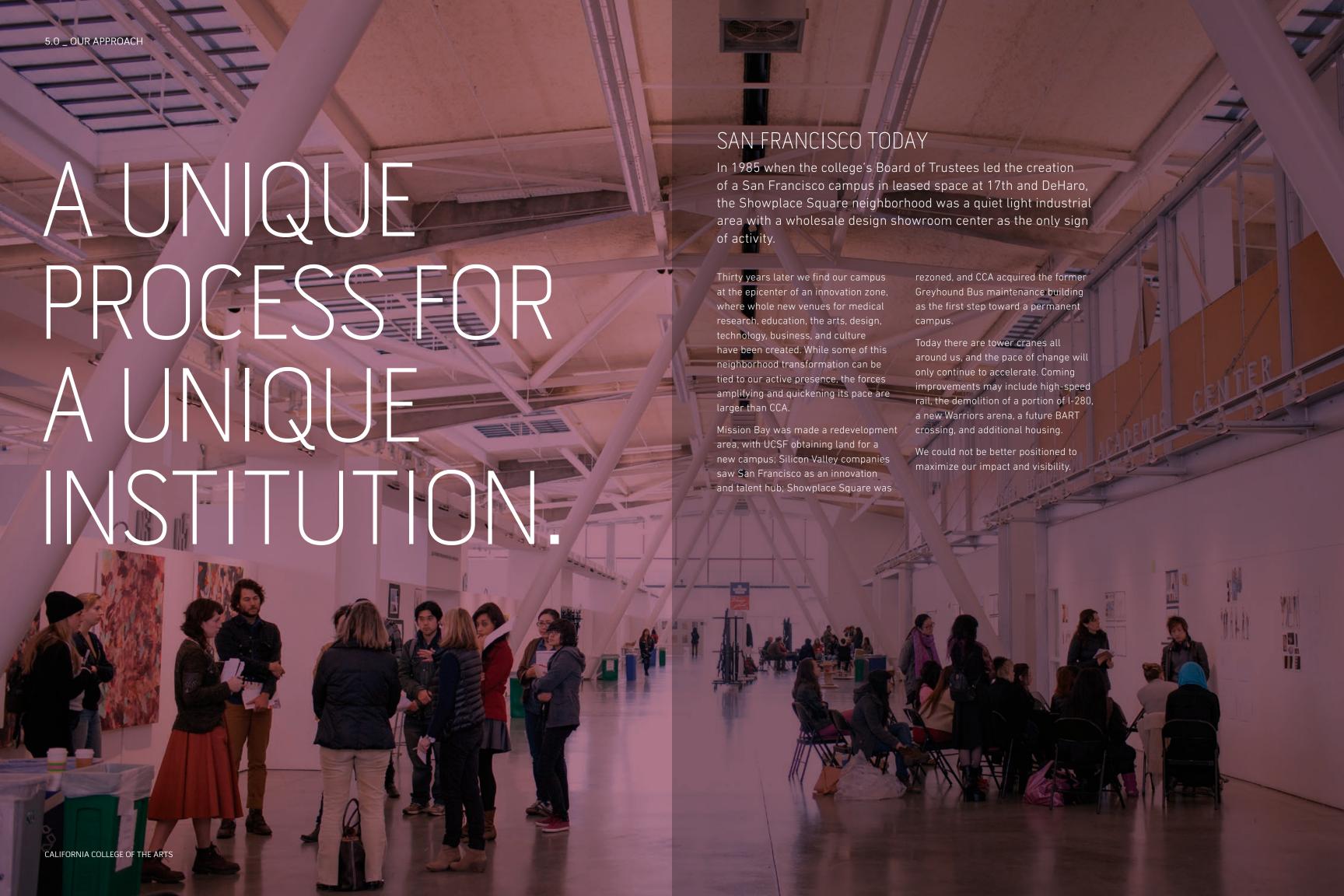
# **5.1**\_WE HAVE MANY OPTIONS

At the start of our long-range development strategy process it was not clear how or if it might be possible to bring together our academic programs on one campus. There seemed to be so many unknowns and possible obstacles. So much history, tradition, patina, and identity are bound up in the legacy buildings and grounds that we have occupied.

What has become clear as a result of this process is that CCA has the opportunity and many more choices for how to get there. We are rich in tradition, mission, human ingenuity, knowledge equity, real estate, partners, and ability to be nimble. We already have employed growth and reinvention strategies to create innovative new academic programs, as well as affordable student housing.

Our path forward will be one of inventive and exciting initiatives that are realized in a multitude of ways, leading to a clear vision of the most sustainable and engaged art school of the 21st century.





# **5.2**\_CAMPUS PLANNING

We have been preparing for this moment for ten years. At its 2006 board retreat, CCA's Board of Trustees focused the college's administration on two big priorities for our San Francisco location: creating student housing and making an effort to acquire adjacent land and buildings.

Soon it became clear that the reason no developers were building student housing in San Francisco was that the regulations created disincentives for that use. With the help of the SF housing Action Coalition, we banded together with UC Hastings and a few other nonprofit colleges to get legislation sponsored and enacted that created a definition of student housing and removed the roadblocks to its creation. That effort took three and a half years. Shortly thereafter we signed an agreement for the first new student housing to be built in the city. That facility, The Panoramic, is now open at 9th and Mission streets.

The rezoning of our neighborhood in 2009 created another challenge. In an effort to preserve the light industrial character of our area, it was rezoned for Production, Repair, and Distribution (PDR) uses, making us a nonconforming use. With the unanimous support of the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, and the Planning Commission, we were able to get legislation passed creating an Arts and Educational Special Use District for all our SF parcels, including the 2.4-acre adjacent lot the Board purchased in 2011. This is a permanent entitlement that not only allows for our educational uses but also creates the ability for us to provide housing for up to 750 students.



# PREFERRED CAMPUS STRATEGY

The site strategy recognizes that for the foreseeable future, the address of the college for transit riders and driven visitors to the campus will remain 1111 Eighth Street. Making and instruction will be consolidated on the site of the former Greyhound building bounded by Irving, Hooper, Seventh, and Eighth Streets in a concentrated core that will maximize the opportunity for collaboration between disciplines and programs.

Maximize development of existing
parcels

Leverage	neighborhood assets through
formal ar	d informal partnerships

Space as platform for the success of CCA

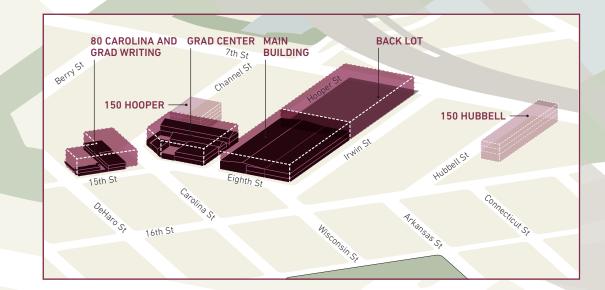
Concentrate making and learning at existing campus core

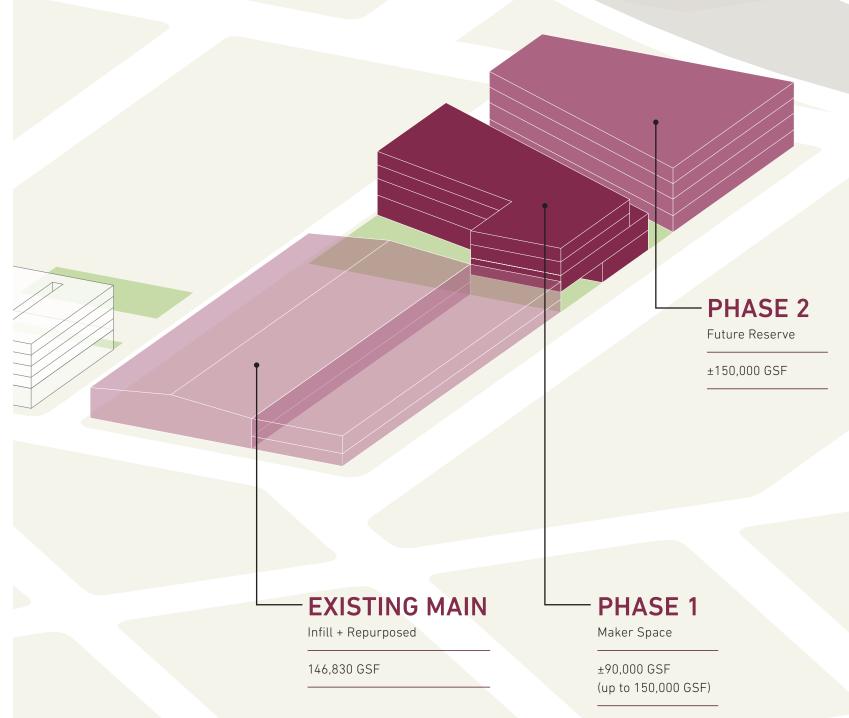
Retain future agility (phased development of real estate assets)

Use universal structures as long-term sustainable assets

TOTAL GFA (GSF)	
1111 Eighth (Main Building)	146,830
184/188 Hooper (Grad Center)	44,800
80 Carolina (Student/Faculty Services)	22,800
350/360 Kansas (Wattis/Perry)	10,040
195 DeHaro (Grad Writing)	2,600
455 Irwin (lease space)	1,700
Existing Total	228,770
184 Hooper (w/housing)	-21,800
80 Carolina/195 DeHaro (w/housing)	-25,400
Replacements Total	-47,200
1111 Eighth	10,000
Infill Total	10,000
New facilities on back lot	90,000
184 Hooper, 1st Floor	20,000
80 Carolina, 1st Floor	20,000
New Construction Total	130,000
150 Hooper (potential)	30,000
150 Hubbell (potential)	6,000
Off Campus Total	36,000
GRAND TOTAL	357,570

<sup>@ 165</sup> GSF per student (FTE) = **2167 students**For 2,500 students add 55,000 GSF





# SPACE TYPES

# **HEAVY MAKING SPACES**

These spaces will be distributed throughout the universal structure and prioritize heavy making —that which is big, noisy, dirty, hot, performative, or wet— in high-volume areas and highly connected to building infrastructures on the lower floors. Where possible, these spaces should include the ability to connect freely between indoors and outdoors through the establishment of a maker court.

# LIGHT MAKING AND INSTRUCTIONAL SPACES\_

These serve uses that are small, quiet, clean, and dry. Because they are more portable in their connections to building infrastructure, they may be more freely distributed throughout a universal structure. These spaces may also be more fungible, being freer to change location on an informal basis in support of new program explorations, and growth and contraction in programs. These spaces may accommodate both studio pursuits and more personal uses.

# **COMMUNITY SPACES\_**

These include all the facilities shared by CCA students and faculty—library, food services and dining, and circulation and hang-out spaces. These spaces provide connection points across all elements of our community and provide the ability for CCA to modulate our mix of traditional and nontraditional educational programs.

# STAFF WORKSPACE

Throughout the preparation of this strategy, the bifurcated nature of the administration and support services, as well as their need to adapt their spaces and organization depending upon the time of academic year, were identified as key hurdles to meeting the needs of students, staff, faculty and our community.

### ENHANCED CIRCULATION

Much of our current life is constrained by the distances and apparent lack of interaction among our programs, community, and resources. Throughout the planning process we heard repeatedly of a need for the communal spaces to be highly flexible, to define the character and community at work, during learning, and at play. The Nave in San Francisco and the landscape spaces in Oakland are examples of this. We believe all assignable spaces should be located immediately adjacent to "thickened" circulation space, and that circulation plans should support the functions of those spaces at a range of scales.

# OPTIMAL SPATIAL PERFORMANCE

Spaces that **support** teaching and learning well

Spaces that allow for **serendipitous** discovery and interaction

Spaces that allow **efficient**, **safe**, **high- performance** fabrication and production

Spaces that **leverage** corridors, stairways, lobbies, and infrastructure for interactivity

Spaces that **flexibly accommodate** various types of making and assembly

Spaces that easily **provide** privacy, tranquility, and focus

Spaces that **encourage** dining and discourse with others

Spaces that **share** resources to support learning and build community

Spaces that **take advantage** of indoor and outdoor adjacencies

Spaces that have **unexpected adjacencies** yielding productive interaction

Spaces that **display** the tools, materials, processes, and products of the arts

Spaces that **allow** all scales and types of materials to move with ease

Spaces that **maximize** living and learning opportunities

Spaces that **leverage** daylighting, renewable energy, and resources wisely

Spaces that **incorporate** nature

# ADJACENCIES AND ATTRIBUTES

Throughout the planning process attention to how students, staff, and faculty occupy space; the experiences they take part in; and the variability of these spaces over time were recurring themes. In order to support a malleability of spatial occupancy and fitness for purpose, we shall seek to simplify the mix of instructional spaces and support the customization of space through a spectrum of attributes, adjacencies, and organization.

# SPATIAL ATTRIBUTES

Defined as the qualities that support the activities that take place within a given space and define it, either continuously or temporarily. Critically, we view these attributes not as binaries, but as spectrums that may overlap and support new fields of study, new program creation, and importantly, the ongoing support and success of the more traditional programs at CCA.

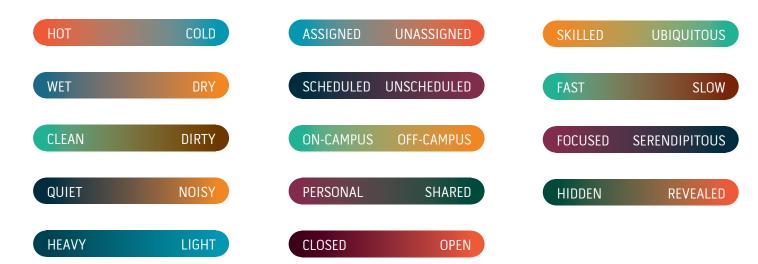
# FERTILE ADJACENCIES\_

Defined as the adjacencies between uses that produce both ordered and unplanned interactions among individuals, groups, programs, and our broader community. We believe we will be able to enhance our fertile adjacencies by continuing to simplify the

spatial and organizational functions of our community and ensuring they are able to transform over time, for example, from a light making space to a shared studio to an instructional space to smaller focus spaces.

# FLEXIBLE ORGANIZATION

Is defined as the ability to organize ourselves in direct relation to desired outcomes. For example, the spaces that support heavy, noisy, dirty, and hot activities are more typically the heavy making programs. The intersection between these and other programs is critical to our community. The mixing of spatial attributes vertically and with clear visibility to community and shared spaces is critical to our community.



# GREENING, SUSTAINABILITY, AND MOBILITY

## **GREEN SPACES**

The planning process revealed the value placed on the diversity and interconnectedness of the landscape spaces of the Oakland campus, with its installations and areas that can scale to meet the demands of our community. A redesigned and expanded San Francisco campus provides the opportunity for a richer and more diverse range of landscape and outdoor maker spaces, green roofs, and courtyards that supports the ecology of our community.

## DEEP SUSTAINABILITY

Our existing San Francisco campus is already an exemplar of high sustainability in both our systems and our operations. Like our overall strategy, our attitude toward sustainable building and campus systems must be highly agile in order to maintain our ability to respond to both internal and external stressors. We have the opportunity to

identify and lead in the application of state-of-the-art systems and approaches to our campus. Our goal is a new campus that meets our needs and insulates us from potentially volatile energy and water markets.

Our campuses are already low-vehicle

# TRANSIT-FIRST MOBILITY

venues, with high rates of bicycle and transit ridership. A key aspect of our continuing approach will be the reduction of parking on campus to the extent feasible, coupled with the provision of adequate bicycle and other alternative transit modes. We benefit from improvements to the MUNI corridor on Sixteenth Street, and anticipate continuing to do so. A key element of reducing greenhouse gases is our commitment to unifying our campus with both housing and instructional spaces in close proximity to each other, thus reducing dependence on vehicles.

### **HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

Throughout the preparation of our strategy, the impacts of health and wellness on our community were repeatedly raised across all groups. Our location benefits from close proximity to recreation facilities at Jackson Park and the City of San Francisco's commitment to improving both bicycle access and public spaces near our campus. We will continue to work with neighborhood groups and the City to further a shared agenda of increased pedestrian and bicycle connectivity as an element of campus health and wellness. The intent is to define campus health criteria that positively impact both our social and educational outcomes.





# UBIQUITOUS TECHNOLOGY

CCA recognizes that the speed of technological change combined with the flexibility of its unique pedagogy requires an innovative approach. Once relegated to the realm of the computer scientist, technology is now everywhere and used by everyone. It is embedded in the machines we use to design and to make. This means that technology is a core part of the artist's and designer's toolkit. Our students should have the skills to redesign these technical tools as necessary in order to express their creative ambition. Everyone is a technologist.

# UNIVERSAL LEARNING PLATFORM\_

To be as creative, agile, and flexible as possible, CCA is applying the concept of a universal learning platform as a core strategy. This applies to learning spaces—physical and virtual.

The technological infrastructure must be designed to be adaptive and evolving. This universal learning platform provides an advanced foundation on which to amplify the student learning experience, extending and integrating with a student's personal technology ecosystem, and leveraging the technology tools they bring with them.

To this end, CCA is assembling and integrating a software ecosystem that serves as a kit of software (parts) to be used by students and faculty across disciplines via multiple delivery formats. This ecosystem is composed of several core platforms that can be complemented with an evolving set of integrated and specialized tools.

# A VIRTUAL BRIDGE

To support the personalized needs of our students and faculty, we aim to move data between these systems and aggregate critical information and connections in an interface that is individualized and contextual. Our online spaces need to help navigate the intersections of people's personal and CCA/professional lives while keeping them as engaged as possible in the dynamism and learning community that is CCA. We see this as a virtual bridge to the school for the entire community—which goes beyond the formal community of staff, faculty, and students—and extends to alumni as well as "friends of" CCA. We have captured this in our CAPES strategy: Connect, Amplify, Personalize, Empower, and Simplify.

These themes serve to guide our thinking about platform decisions and technology investments by being driven by the user experience. CCA is now focusing on improving the user experience and engagement with our organization and our community through our web interfaces, including:

A new student-first ERP system that has been designed around a modern end-user experience while providing better backoffice efficiency.

Reinvesting in our network to make it more robust to support the 24×7 connectivity expectations.

Creating a unified database that provides a 360-degree view on engagement with students.

Expanding the instructional technology toolkit and services.

Embarking on design and prototyping of a new CCA portal and the redesign of our public website, cca.edu.

## HOUSING STRATEGY

The cost of higher education is a challenge for most of the students we serve. Colleges with lower housing costs can be attractive options for students who are concerned with financing their education. All of our urban competitor schools have recognized this and acted on it by providing affordable housing options. Like the art and design schools in New York City, we find ourselves in an extremely high priced housing market where demand far exceeds capacity. Student housing by Craigslist is not an option if we want to be competitive and sustainable.

Therefore this plan calls for a threepronged approach to increase our supply of student housing. **Off-campus housing** for continuing and graduate students

**Near-campus housing** for continuing and international students

**On-campus housing** for first year students

All three housing types are underway. The Panoramic (off campus) is open with 200 beds at 9th and Mission. 75 Arkansas (near campus) is in the planning stages with 200+ beds of apartment style housing. And we are seeking a development team to create first-year housing at 188 Hooper (on campus).

CURRENT HOUSING PORTFOLIO	
OAKLAND	265
Clifton Hall (owned)	120
Irwin Hall (owned)	34
Avenue Apartments (leased)	34
Webster Hall (leased)	77

SAN FRANCISCO	242
The Panoramic (leased, 2025+5)	200
Harriet St. (leased)	42

FUTURE HOUSING PORTFOLIO		
SAN FRANCISCO	990±	
75 Arkansas St. (2018, ongoing)	240	
Hooper St.	350±	
80 Carolina St.	400±	

















# **5.3**\_FINANCING AND REAL ESTATE

Our overarching goal for the strategy process is to define tactics to complete our facilities and reach our organizational objectives without additional debt burdens that would impact our core mission and pedagogy. We have a range of financing and implementation strategies that we can pursue with the prudence, foresight, and leadership of our Board.

#### **FUNDRAISING & SELF-FINANCING**

We are planning for a capital campaign. CCA is initiating a capacity study to understand the level of interest of our broader community and benefactors to support our aspirations and to identify the magnitude of funding that may be available.

## **EXTERNAL FINANCING**

These strategies for funding include additional bonding and other borrowing mechanisms. We will continue to monitor the value of our assets and our annual operating budget and seek to minimize the need for additional debt burden. To assess the availability of these funds, we may also begin a bond rationalization strategy that seeks to simplify the bond commitments we have in place.

# BRIDGE FUNDING FROM FINANCIAL RESERVES\_

Subject to the availability of unrestricted funds, we may be able to self-finance, on a short-term basis, specific components of the campus planning strategy. We believe these funds may be used to support interim strategies, including migration planning, creation of swing and surge space, and other short-term activities.

### REAL ESTATE

A significant outcome of this process has been the realization that the foresight of the Board has endowed the college with significant real estate assets that may be able to support the implementation of our strategy. There are several tactics that we will continue to monitor and evaluate for their impact on the overall financial sustainability of our college. These include:

**Equity Contribution\_** We will use our equity stake in specific sites as a basis for partnership development, partnerships, lease-back opportunities and other mechanisms. These may be developed on campus, where our current land ownership, supply, and valuations would form a contribution to partnership negotiations.

**Sale\_** Of particular relevance to our off-campus properties, we will explore sale to third parties, as and when appropriate. These actions will be evaluated for their impact on student life and, in particular, our continuing ability to house our community.

## Entitlement (to elevate land value)\_

We anticipate the opportunity to entitle our land to receive more development than is achievable given current city zoning regulations. The Back Lot and 80 Carolina have been specifically excluded from our preferred Phase 1 strategy. These sites could offer the greatest opportunity to increase our real estate holdings through upzoning, either by diversifying eligible land uses or requesting additional height and density prior to future partnership and/or sale.

Off-Site Partnering\_ Consistent with our evolving business model, we will continue to explore off-site opportunities to support our community. These ventures could present long-term endowment opportunities, either by enlargement of our real estate portfolio or establishment of maintenance and operation funding sources.



## 5.4\_GLOSSARY

#### ACADEMIC PATHWAYS\_

The title of the college's Academic Plan that was facilitated by the Napa Group in 2014.

## ADAPTIVE REUSE\_

Refers to the process of reusing an old site or building for a purpose other than which it was built or designed for.

#### AGILE\_

An ability to iterate quickly in a well-coordinated manner.

#### ASSIGNED SPACE

Any space that an individual occupies and controls, such as a dedicated studio or office.

#### CAP

The college's Climate Action Plan (CAP) on file with the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment.

#### CLEAN/MESSY\_

Clean rooms can smoothly host different activities from one use to the next; messy rooms cannot.

## CRITIQUE\_

A format for discussing ideas and work at various stages of development so that the feedback makes the final version better.

## DESIGN THINKING\_

A formal method for practical, creative resolution of problems and creation of solutions, with the intent of improving future results.

### **DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING\_**

An approach to supporting digital tools with a system that allows learning and working to occur everywhere, both on and off campus.

## DREAM BIG\_

The title of the college's Strategic Plan that was facilitated by IDEO in 2010.

## FERTILE ADJACENCIES\_

An approach to locating activities not just for efficiency or by discipline, but rather for productive interaction, knowledge sharing, and other yet-to-be-discovered practices.

#### FTE\_

Headcount enrollment is the number of individuals who have paid fees and enrolled in classes. Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) enrollment is a statement about how many students taking full study loads would generate a given number of measured or anticipated student credit hours.

#### **FUZZY BOUNDARIES**

The overlapping zones of making practices that have resulted as creative practices expand and change.

#### **GREEN OR LIVING ROOF\_**

A roof of a building that is partially or completely covered with vegetation and a growing medium, planted over a waterproofing membrane.

#### GSF PER FTE\_

The number of gross square feet (GSF) on average that the college provides per each Full Time Equivalent (FTE) student.

## GUIDE BY THE SIDE\_

A two-way teaching method that engages the student as a partner with the teacher in the learning process.

#### HYBRIDITY

A hybrid is something that is mixed, and hybridity is simply the state of being mixed.

## IMP\_

The college's Institutional Master Plan (IMP) on file with the City of San Francisco.

## INTERDISCIPLINARY\_

Characterized by the combining of two or more academic disciplines or fields of study, creating something new by crossing boundaries and thinking across them.

#### INVENTORY\_

The volume and characteristics of facilities used by the college, including their ability to provide capacity and their current operational disposition.

#### LANDSCAPE SPACE

Those spaces that are outdoors and characterized by natural elements and plant materials.

#### LEARNING EVERYWHERE

An approach to space, technology, pedagogy, and accommodations that allows learning and working to happen easily no matter where one is on campus, not just in classrooms or studios.

#### MAKING

The making of objects, prototypes, ideas, and/ or meaning through physical and intellectual research.

## LIGHT MAKING\_

Fabrication, prototyping, and production methods that are small in scale and don't require oversized materials or elaborate accommodations. They tend to be tabletop or work bench supported and don't necessarily need to be on the ground floor or have immediately adjacent outdoor work

#### **HEAVY MAKING\_**

Fabrication, prototyping, and production methods that are large in scale and require open floor space, both indoor and outdoor, for assembly and work areas. They tend to have large, highly serviced equipment affiliated with them, which in turn often requires specialized ventilation, safety, and other requirements.

#### NFT 7FRO

A building with zero net energy consumption, meaning the total amount of energy used by the building on an annual basis is roughly equal to the amount of renewable energy created on the site.

## NIMBLE\_

Quick to understand, think, and take action.

## NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT\_

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) acknowledges there is no precise definition for nontraditional student, but suggests that part-time status and age are common characteristics. CCA's low-residency DMBA students are among those who make up the 10% of students we define this way.

#### OCCUPANCY\_

The percentage of a room's seats that are occupied when it is in use.

#### OFF-CAMPUS SPACE\_

Any off-campus space where activities are opted into by participants in coordination with that space's operator.

#### OPEN/CLOSED\_

Closed rooms have four walls that meet the ceiling and a door that closes. Open rooms are missing one or more of these features.

#### OPEN SPACE

An unscheduled or unassigned space that has distributed control.

## OUTDOOR WORK SPACE\_

A space that may be covered and protected from wind and rain, where students and faculty can fabricate work.

### PDR-1-D\_

The zoning designation for our San Francisco parcels and those of our immediate neighbors. It's equivalent to a light industrial zone and stands for Production, Distribution, and Repair, with a design industries emphasis.

## PROJECT-BASED LEARNING\_

The foundation of a visual arts education such as CCA's. The curriculum uses real world, theoretical, future, hypothetical, or self-directed projects as the basis for learning throughout the curriculum.

## RESILIENCY

The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties or shocks to the college's system and/or the capacity to adapt to long-term change.

#### SAGE ON THE STAGE\_

A centuries old instructional model of a teacher transferring knowledge to an audience of students.

## SCHEDULE-ABLE SPACE\_

A space is determined to be schedule-able if its use code description specifies that classes may be rostered in it.

#### SCHEDULED SPACE\_

A space is determined to be currently scheduled if its use code description specifies that its primary function is to hold rostered classes, or if its auxiliary function is to hold rostered classes and the course schedule indicates that at least 10 hours of formal instruction per week take place there.

#### SHARED USE SHOPS

These making spaces incorporate widely used tools and materials that are common to many of the making practices across the college.

#### SILO MENTALITY

An attitude found in organizations that occurs when several departments or groups do not want to share information, space, or knowledge with others. A silo mentality reduces efficiency, creativity, and innovation and can be a contributing factor to a failing institutional culture.

## SMART CLASSROOM\_

Any room that is able to support teaching with digital tools. These rooms typically include display technologies like projectors, flat screens, and speakers in order to support the students' and faculty's portable devices.

## SPECIALIZED USE SHOPS\_

Those making spaces that are material-, process-, and tool-specific. These facilities often require more training than a safety orientation before they are utilized.

#### SUD

The Special Use District (SUD) that creates the entitlements for the college's development of its San Francisco parcels.

## SUSTAINABILITY\_

Describes systems and processes that can be maintained indefinitely.

#### THIRD CAMPUS

A strategy for conceiving a unified CCA environment that is neither the current Oakland or San Francisco campuses, but rather a wholly new "third campus."

#### UNIVERSAL STRUCTURE

A highly adaptable building frame of structural concrete construction and high floor-to-floor clearances, able to handle large equipment loads and multiple types of spaces and uses. Historically these have been the loft buildings that artists, designers and other creative enterprises like to occupy.

#### UTILIZATION

The amount of time that a room is used over the course of a week, or the percentage of rooms that are in use at a specific time.

#### UTILIZATION RATE

The percentage of a set of rooms in use at a given time of day.

### VIRTUAL CAMPUS\_

In addition to the physical places that define our campus, this is the largely invisible structure that supports communication, workflow, knowledge sharing, and collaboration.

## VISIBLE STORAGE\_

A strategy of keeping your collection, prototypes, or process of production in plain sight even when you're not formally displaying or working with (or on) them.

### VISUAL BENCHMARKING

A process of gathering examples of spaces, adjacencies, and use patterns that are relevant to our planning process.

## WEEKLY ROOM-USE HOURS\_

The amount of time a room is scheduled for use — specifically for rostered classes — over the course of a week.

## WET/DRY\_

Wet rooms have easy access to a sink/drain. Dry rooms do not.

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# 2010–2015 STRATEGIC PLAN THEMES

## DREAM BIG

CCA is a place for people who want to make a difference in the world. Our values are rooted in the Arts and Crafts movement, which emphasized the power knowledge, experience, and perspectives community to create significant work in of art and design to make a positive impact on society. The San Francisco Bay Area has an important history of diverse social movements, innovation, free thinking, and risk taking. This convergence of compelling forces is embodied in our institution and guides our educational mission.

## **CULTIVATE DIVERSITY**

CCA is committed to reflecting and serving the diverse populations of the San Francisco Bay Area. The wealth of here creates incalculable cultural energy, enriching CCA's conversations, curriculum, and community. We are committed to enhancing this diversity, ensuring access to opportunities, and preparing our graduates for an increasingly complex global society.

#### FOSTER EXCELLENCE

People are inspired by an educational environment that stretches minds to new heights. CCA challenges everyone in our an environment of world-class academic and artistic excellence. CCA supports learning experiences in all contexts, from the classroom to the studio to the community. We encourage the exploration of broad and deep interests, and the balancing of theory and practice.

## CONNECT COMMUNITIES

CCA values a system of connections that Since our foundation in 1907, CCA has form the basis of resilient and dynamic social and learning ecologies. We seek to strengthen relationships among stakeholders: faculty, staff, trustees, alumni, students, and our students' families. CCA intends to further develop partnerships with our local neighbors as well as with national and global educational institutions, nonprofits, professional organizations, industry, and government.

## EMBRACE CHANGE

always evolved, responded, and reacted to the internal and external changes confronting it. This is the behavior of an institution that must continue to act despite potentially limiting resources and externalities that may cause it to question itself. This is an underlying quality of CCA, and part of the community expression that has driven our community for over a century—the underlying embrace of change—whether in seeking change in ourselves and our communities, or responding to the things that change around us.

## LEAD RESPONSIBLY

Responsible administrative and faculty leadership is based on a shared identity as an institution and a clear vision for the future. CCA's goal is to further empower our community's innate ingenuity toward creating realistic, honest, and appropriate solutions to the challenges we face

During the preparation of this strategy, the underlying aspect of continual change and agility was discussed with the CCA Community. As a direct response to those discussions, this plan acknowledges that change has always impacted the College, and it has consistently adapted to both internal and external change. As such, we have established a sixth principle, which seeks to make overt the qualities that were unstated in prior documents.

