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Preservation of University Facilities and Grounds Policy

Office of Accountability:	Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Office of Administrative Responsibility:	Operations and Maintenance
Approver:	Board of Governors
Scope:	Compliance with University policy extends to all members of the University community.

Overview

The University of Alberta is committed to preserving its history while planning for the continued growth and expansion that facilitates its mission and vision.

Purpose

The University values its rich and celebrated past, and seeks to safeguard and emphasize the places and elements that reinforce its distinguished heritage.

POLICY

The University of Alberta recognizes the importance of preserving elements and areas determined to have **architectural historic merit** or other intrinsic value. Wherever possible, the University endeavours to safeguard, maintain and integrate those elements within the developing landscape.

The Board of Governors delegates to the Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) the responsibility for the **preservation** of architectural and landscape elements, which are considered on a case-by-case basis, as recommended by the University Architect and in consultation with Museums and Collections Services and with consideration of the Campus Open Spaces Principles.

The Vice-President ensures a consistent and transparent approach to decisions involving the **retention, removal, alteration, re-use, or replacement** of historic elements of University architecture and landscape.

DEFINITIONS

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Architectural historic merit	<p>Architectural historic merit is determined by the Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) as recommended by the University Architect, and with consideration of the Campus Open Spaces Principles. Architectural historic merit encompasses the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the University's physical history of campus development and arrangement of buildings over time; or - Embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
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Preservation	Maintaining the identity of the built environment and landscape considering adaptive use and rehabilitation.
Retention	To leave a component part, a complete assembly that forms part of the architecture of a building, the entire building, or a physical feature of an open or interior space deemed to be of historic significance in its current location
Removal	To remove a component part, a complete assembly that forms part of the architecture of a building, the entire building, or a physical feature of an open or interior space deemed to be of historic significance from its current context Removal can render that component part, or complete assembly an artifact to be reviewed for retention by Museums and Collections
Alteration	To make changes to a component part, a complete assembly that forms part of the architecture of a building, the entire building itself, or a physical feature of an open or interior space deemed to be of historic significance in its current location
Re-use	To reuse a component part, a complete assembly that forms part of the architecture of a building, the entire building itself, or a physical feature of an open or interior space deemed to be of historic significance in a different context or location
Replacement	The complete substitution of a building or element of a building by a new or updated element or complete building.

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