

**NYU Plans 2031 Open House
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Comment Cards**

NYU Staff/Administration

Would like to see many more trees, planting gardens, greening of the campus + surrounding areas. NYU should become the model for a “green” urban campus.

Great!

Great Presentation. Would love to have had a packet that contained all the boards. Lots to absorb in the go around.

Also, one board says seeks stakeholders, no info on how to get on a committee.

Be sure to indicate in your publicized materials that New Jersey is a site of planned faculty housing with easy access to lower Manhattan {also a local community member]

NYU Faculty Members

I am a resident of the Silver Towers and I believe that the grounds could be significantly improved. Better management and enforcement of only prohibiting access to lawns would help.

Washington Square Park, should be a park, not a playground for grown ups. It’s a place to relax, enjoy the flowers + green grass without being hurt with a football or bicycle. Also students to be able to relax in peace + quiet, + not be annoyed by riff raff.

University Place – How about “greening” it as fully as possible? Minimize vehicular use, paving; maximize trees, sidewalks, seating, etc.

Why is it assumed that NYU will grow & grow& grow? Quality not quantity!
Think outside of the square is excellent. If you choose an area, think about the transforming a derelict/under-used area into a vibrant new neighborhood. Think residential development for the general public as well as NYU personnel.

L.I.C is ideal; Gov. Island is public property and CUNY is already operating there. On the other hand, a consortium of NYC's universities might transform the southern end of the island into a scholar's paradise.

Low-Rise Buildings are a luxury NYU cannot afford. 4 sites need expansion (i.e. 20 stories – ok, 212 story buildings):

1. the strip mall by the LaGuardia Statue
2. “Morton Williams”
3. Open space around the silver towers
4. Coles. The present building should be a pedestal for a high-rise.

[also a local community member]

My concerns, as an NYU employee of the College of Dentistry, are: how to better integrate the various sites occupied by the University; how to attract and retain top students without placing them in jeopardy of bankruptcy/high debt (this involved both tuition and living expenses); better recycling; incorporation of green space in any new construction.

Better + better looking buildings. Think Chicago!

As someone (a male) who has been preparing NYU undergrads for careers in planning, architecture, etc. for 25+ years I'm thrilled by the gender makeup of the strategic planning team!

I love the enthusiasm, the energy, and the commitment of everyone to move this great University to ever greater heights. The presentations are very well done. Tony Vernillo

The exhibits are very well done and the attendants are knowledgeable and forthcoming. While I am not that knowledgeable about urban planning, it seems clear that the strategic planning initiatives are creative, thoughtful, and responsible to the university + its shareholders, especially NYC, 2D -- SCPS

NYU Students

Strongly support the community partnership & sustainability as guiding principles.

Also important is more gathering & green spaces.

Covering all three principles is protected space for bicycles, bike lanes in streets & showers for bikers & walkers to school.

More trees please!

Local Community Members

Please preserve all green spaces and add to them. As a member of LaGuardia Gardens, I would like to see our garden preserved. I'm glad to see NYU moving in a more environmental direction. Its plans should include saving all current green spaces and creating new ones. If there should be another Con Ed blackout (like last night on the Upper East Side) it is the street that will help us breathe in an emergency.

LaGuardia Corner Garden – importance of considering this garden in all treatments of the surrounding area + plans for the block + LaGuardia strips, 511 LaGuardia Place, exceptional leaves, [illegible] trees, roses, [illegible] , extraordinary variety of plants. Visitors are welcomed during the season (May – Nov) garden is all volunteers – until school children participate in programs, visitors on the strip of the superblock w/ Silver Towers. (Also NYU alum)

Minimize pressure directly around/or on Square.

Green + enliven 'blank walls' + walks along Bobst, Coles, etc. to make more pedestrian friendly.

Landscaping – utilize native plants

Keep height of buildings as low as possible in spaces on and near Washington Sq. campus.

Let's make sure Washington Square Park stays the open, welcoming space that it is. But fix the lawns, flowers, and walk ways.

Waverly + Washington, Mercer – no activity – no stores -- shouldn't walk there – Jane Jacobs worst nightmare, open up street somewhere.

I am a graduate of NYU. My son has his master's degrees from NYU. We have lived in this neighborhood since 1965. Hopefully the University will continue to thrive. Please try to encourage the city to renovate the Washington Square Park centers as soon as possible. Any plan would be a serious improvement!

Thank you.

Open Space. Get parks to show plans for Washington Sq. Park to all its neighbors! We'd like to partner. Judson Church

I like more greenery.

More trees & greenery.

Let neighborhood people ride the trolley. This would increase people's patience with NYU's intrusions into our neighborhoods

What is the cut-off point of student enrollment? How much can this neighborhood (G.V.) absorb? Will NYU ever consider a student cap?

At least 1/3 of your students are housed in leased units – leased dormitory units. Leasing is inconvenient for the university, so presumably there will be some interest in moving these to owned dormitories. Have these units been added to the figures for expansion?

Keep new buildings height down – 6-10 stories max. Control population density. Preserve open space and add more if possible. 10th street neighbor.

A concern about contextuality of future development in the Village – Village is traditionally low-rise and lower density. Current low buildings allow for light + air. Larger institutional buildings block light and air. More students and residents may be a strain on existing infrastructure (water, ConEd, etc.) Must plan new growth carefully so that it is appropriate for neighborhood

Lights are left on all night- Waverly Place + Green Street building. I've complained+ I was told that lights are for research. I see no activity at all. I'd like a response to this. Terrible noise begins around 11pm + continues until 5am – approx. It's a grinding noise, like a machine. Please let me know.

Primary concern is dormitory residential live in West Village --- desire a neighborhood of diverse age groups – not overrun by college-age students – that has a negative impact on neighborhood. [also alum]

NYU takes space away from the community members who need affordable housing. NYU students move into an apt. 2- 4 in one space and pay 3-4 thousand a month rent. Landlords see a gold mine and community people can't compete! Move the student housing to other boroughs! Stop taking away our affordable housing space.

NYU should expand its educational mission in the East Village. By opening a tutorial center for young Latino and afro-Americans to enrich their secondary school experience and provide positive interaction with the low income community.

More interaction with community including events open to residents of neighborhood

Good start at opening a dialogue with the community. The proof will be in actions. Hope you will seriously & successfully consider other areas of the city for major positions of your

expansions. The Village is pretty saturated. Or perhaps more efficient, multiple uses of existing village buildings.

I am glad to be a part of NYU community. I would like to be able to contribute to the community in my capacity as Eco Professor at L.I.U.

Heavy user of NYU facilities lectures, music concerts – ever my (of NY?) Christmas tree lighting –You need Pratt’s quad.

I want to see NYU become the leader in keeping the height of new buildings low 6 –10 stories maximum. As with keeping with the current height of old buildings in neighborhood. Population density should be kept at a limit, also. Especially for the future. Campus can be opened upstate as university must grow. Thank you for asking the community!

The 26 story building on E. 12th is an abomination. It violates zoning regulations + the sensibility of the beloved lower east side. The neighborhood is furious about the height of the proposed building. It dare not be higher than the highest building on the block.

A. Ok - 20 K undergrad students & 20 K grad students. You are big enough.
B. Enough acreage in Union Square South of 14 St. Go to loft buildings north of 14th east of Union Sq. – and 2nd – 1st Ave. west of Stuyvesant Building – No more Village or Chelsea

Don’t understand need for growth – there won’t be fewer students projected for the next 25 years – why not hold steady at current number?

NYU buses pose a hazard on 2 way streets such as Astor. I nearly was in a head on collision with a driver. Please use buses on 9th street and the trolley for shorter congested routes.

Students need to take public transportation! Your buses add pollution and add nothing to the economy of transportation! The students also litter, make bar noise, and are not committed to the community as a whole!

I am interested in being kept aware of & involved in any development relating to the Morton-Williams site @ Bleecker & LaGuardia. Thank you.

Concern about Morton Williams site – uses the grocery store – student dorm?
Science building? Who starts the rumors? Keep the (DOT) gardens

Why isn't there a cap on enrollment? – We have enough students already. Concerned about construction noise disruption.

Let's make the TIME LANDSCAPE a showplace for the entrance to Soho/Greenwich Village. Please ask Lynden Miller to give this project to her students

Regarding proposal renovations to Washington Square Park, I seek NYU's support of more modified changes to accomplish and emphasize repair and enhanced maintenance of the park, as opposed to wholesale restructuring as planned by the Parks Dept. I fear that current planning will deprive the area and the City of the historic and music – friendly aspect which is such a rich component of the Washington Square experience. The proposed plan calls for leveling the foundation are with the surrounding surface, which I believe would spoil the currently existing “bays” allowing musician and audiences to enjoy performances in almost theater-like spaces adjacent but separate from one another. Please support the continuation of these current structures of the park surrounding the foundation so that music in the park can continue to flourish. Thank you.

I am a graduate of NYU School of Ed. Also Parsons School of Design which used to be affiliate with the University. I raised my son in Washington Square Park. Please urge the community to accept the offer by the city to renovate the park as soon as possible! It has been a dump forever. Let's take pride in our neighborhood!

How are you going to accommodate additional (5,500) students in Washington Sq.?

Well Done! Thank you. Keep up the good work!

Keep within your historic footprint and keep scale compatible with adjoining neighborhoods, landmarks and otherwise.

Many recent new buildings fool miserably – who know we would miss the old Loeb Center so much!

We are the community (residents – non-NYU students – or shall I call them “clients”!?) Largest in [illegible], not buildup.

Better architecture. Smaller buildings.

Don't change the balance of the Village by continuing to grow.

Please have these events in fall + spring not summer.

Why are the beautiful interesting buildings all on the square and all the cheap ugly buildings built in the surrounding residential neighborhoods?

We need more low –income housing

NYU Buses are unnecessary. Only contribute to pollution/ why needed?

Need affordable housing in this neighborhood. NOT enormously tall buildings. No more 12th St Dorms. Too many students drinking – noisy at night.

Excellent Job of reaching out to the community – you put together a good show + a good team – we're still skeptical but delighted with the opportunity for full disclosure from NYU on your plans. NO MORE Surprises Please! Work with the Village community – Thanks for today. Good start.

Excellent exhibition and process. Would be happy to help conduct ongoing workshops on some of the issues including sustainability, open space and design-in-general.

AIA New York. Center for Architecture

The exhibition is worthy of a brochure that can be used repeatedly to keep community appeased later on

Live near Bronfman Center – students sing loudly + stomp on floor until midnight w/ windows open – deafening – say it is too hot – GET AIR FIXED. STAFF UNHELPFUL – STUDENTS COOPERATIVE.

Since NYU is part of the community, it would be a good idea for students in need financially to apply for jobs in which neighbors need help, such as day walkers [illegible] seniors to doctor appointments, perform other tasks such as baby sitting etc. make it neighborly, this way helps students + neighbors to know each other.

Why don't join in a partnership program to build affordable housing in the East Village where it is genuinely needed?

Concerns about residential properties in surrounding neighborhoods – will NYU displace existing tenants? Especially in East Village/Lower east Side

Too many people. Too many buildings taking away precious light and space. Not

considering what effects it will have on the neighborhood.

NYU is changing the face and feeling of the East Village/lower Eastside to a negative effect. It does not seem to take into consideration the added amount of people, the amount of energy, water, and absence of light that these structures add to the environment. Because of all the NYU dorms being built in the area it is impossible to cross the street at certain intersections or to just walk down the block.

Preserve the village! It's what the students come here for.

Large scale student housing is out of character with what is currently here
Student housing should not displace/overprice community residents
NYU needs to give back more to the community, i.e. creative mixed use housing for non-students
Give students a sense of social responsibility to the community [resident, alum]

Other

Want a supermarket to remain on Morton-Williams site.
Does not want the garden to be a staying ground.
Low density buildings.
Afraid of losing the garden on the DOT strip by Morton-Williams site.

Do not disturb community gardens. People love them. People need them.

I've met with 2 planners from NYU & complained about the private buses of NYU. Why! You students too precious to ride our city buses? Get rid of them! They add pollution. They deny the city revenue and they are mainly empty. – Frances Goldin

Get rid of NYU shuttles. Too much pollution.

Congratulations to your beautification around your Silver Towers and Washington Sq. Village. Good Luck George and do not give up!

[GVSHIP member] Points NYU must adhere to:

- 1) respect architecturally + historically important buildings
- 2) Try to re-use + adapt existing buildings
- 3) Construct no more existing buildings in the architectural context of the neighborhood

NYU bus service to expand later hours for NYU medical school and dental school students for safety and convenience.

12 St Dorm is too high
Get rid of NYU shuttles. Too much pollution.

[NYU Tour Guide] I lead many tours which emphasize the architecture + cultural history of the Village. Across the board, my customers are appalled at the out-of-context modern buildings NYU has built. They are also horrified at the fact that NYU would tear down Edgar Allan Poe's last Manhattan residence.

NYU used to share the Village- Now they are taking it over!
NYU should expand elsewhere—We (the community) cannot live w/o the supermarket for any extended period – Leave it alone!!
Tell us your plans for the future – People –neighbors- faculty-staff liked NYU in the 60s- but we like it less + less as time passes

I do think Roosevelt Island would be ideal for Environmental Studies – some housing could be built there too for faculty + grad students in the programs(s)

If NYU is seeking to become an elite American university, it must bear in mind that selectivity is part of that. Without limiting growth, NYU can just become a degree mill of no distinction. I do not think that is what you want.
What the community wants is a less dominant NYU and a better balance between its student body (and their needs?) and our own sense of home.

Concerned with NYU growth – wants NYU to put a limit on purchasing New buildings & building new. Very concerned with NYU's impact on rent rates.

I came here for addressing the University's academic needs from the perspective of a former international student graduated from NYU. But obviously NYU cares more about physical development more than academic needs. Without a good plan for academic needs, how can NYU be better? By developing the physical development without listening to the voice from the students or faculty first? I am quite disappointed. – Alum

Growth is the primary issue. I believe it makes sense to plan for limited growth. The village you advertise to entice new students is disappearing [illegible] your growth. You will encounter resistance and hostility from the community as long as that is true. It's a territorial issue and implacable.

Concerned about growth in residential facilities [dorms] without growth in academic space.

Please describe better how you have determined your growth needs in terms of space needs over the next 25 years. There is a dramatic disconnection between an anticipated .5% growth in students and need for approximately 40% more academic space over the same period.

NYU must look for locations outside of the village for future growth. The university should stay within its current foot print and envelope.

To increase student housing

- 1) Consider buying a site for a dorm, reel [illegible] the air rights to a developer and use air rights payments to fund the dorm buildings.
- 2) Consider buying an older cruise boat and convert to a dorm docked at Pier 40 Hudson River. [alum]

The team was so accessible; they did not wait to approach people and offer their expertise. Very excellent and impressive!

This is an excellent presentation of a [illegible] project. NYU needs to do more to get the community to realize the value of NYU's presence. Too often NYU is on the defensive when it should be proud of what it is doing.

There's no doubt that terrible things were done several decades ago when the South side of the Square was demolished – but [illegible] I think NYU has understood its responsibility to the community and to its position as a mega educational institute.

Stakeholders- community alumni, strongest ally, spread throughout “external groups”

Thank you for doing this. I came here expecting a plan, but happy to be involved from the beginning – more ideas to come! [also NYU Alumni]

I am disappointed that the design group did not include urban planners. Not 1 American institute of architect is mention but no American institute of city planners. NYU has broader perspective to program -- MPA (Planning) Alum

I am an alum of Class of 1970. These were strange times (student strike – no official finish to semester) What impresses me is that NYU feels a responsibility to the community + is

making an effort to do things in the “right way.”

It is really quite nice to walk around in the Washington Square area amongst the NYU buildings. I could get involved if needed

Think about coordinating with AIA on LaGuardia Place, re: exhibition on positive evocation of neighborhood with (within) historical university expansion.

President’s penthouse – too many parties – exploiting residence, rent all party equip. – hold up elevator.

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SCPS

- Open up “park side blocks” 1st floors to have views of the park. (if possible) as lounges to build community in the winter months.
- Create more gathering spaces (even if indoors) with green plants.
- Projected student growth charts omitted non credit. Why?
- Student growth projections don’t seem [unintelligible] considering (from the dean of SCPS alone) increased enrollment is communicated as an objective.
- Space growth projections do not include non-credit. Why?
- Governors Island would be an interesting as a creative retreat. In the way writers and artists get space in Vermont, you know?
- Any plans to add maritime engineering?
- That might also be an intriguing subject to be studied at governor’s island.

I think one of our key goals should be building the endowment. Clearly this will not happen quickly (there are no real “get rich quick” schemes here) but plans should be put in place to allow/assure this to happen over time. Also, while it applauds our entrepreneurial spirit and our willingness to take on new initiatives, it also feels like there is a limit to the number of projects that an institution can plan, implement, and do well with. We should choose carefully from our list of new initiatives (abroad and at home) and select the ones that make the most sense and are the best fit for NYU and are sustainable over the long term. Instead of reacting to those projects and institutions that approach us, we should seek out whom we want to work with and approve them. NYU is a dynamic and an exciting place which is why we work/study/ teach here. My fear is that we will become stretched too thin... if we take on too many projects. This was a nice event – might have been a benefit to have some opening comment to start out. Thank you. [also alum]

My main concerns in the expansions of NYU, use of space, and location of people/facilities are:

1. Open/green spaces for recreational use – WSV as an example, your underutilized space. There is currently no place for pick-up sports running, etc.
2. From a student affairs perspective, planning students, particularly undergrads, in places where they can be actively involved in student life is essential.
3. Historical preservation of local buildings
4. Form following function: I am not a fan of new student life center Kimmel. It looks and feels like an office building, not particularly welcoming at all. Even the upper floors feel cold and isolating. It seems to me that those who designed and approved the design of the building did not take into account that it is a student centre. The old student centre – Loeb – as outdated as it was, functioned well, with the lounge space up front, services and function rooms on the ground floor.
5. Re: transportation: Better marked bike routes that will connect campuses/areas within NYU will encourage greater use of bikes, will need more bike parking areas
6. Unified street treatment is critical to bringing the campuses together and creating an urban village feeling – similar street lamps, signage, hanging baskets and consistent planters.
7. Tennis courts on Coles have not fixed. Waste of a valuable asset to the quality of life

[also alum]

I think that having a “campus” or housing on Governor’s Island would not be an attractive offer to students. The part of coming to NYU is to be in the city. Many students complain about traveling from Water Street to Washington Sq. NJ would be a better option than Governor’s Island since it is easily accessible by train or bus! Perhaps NYU can offer expanded off campus housing office to assist students find alternative residencies. Even leasing have a building near WSP would keep students closer to the core Washington Sq. Community (or Union Square community. Otherwise all other plans look great!)

Several administrative units are spread throughout the campus. In order to be a “part” of the NYU community, it would benefit us to be in the same area but we could be off campus with other admin, faculty/students offices.

Great event! Thanks for the invitation! I hope all NYU staff participates in some way!
Concern: I am concerned that some of us in administrative functions are being told we may move to the “fringes” of campus – far away from our internal clients – NYU faculty and staff. I spend my day in meetings with faculty and staff and worry about how I will be able to provide (and enhance) my service level if my “home base” is several miles away. At worst I will need “visitors” office space close to my clients who will provide me with the space to plug in my laptop, make some phone calls etc. between meetings. Is that being considered?

Concern RE: If we don’t grow the student body, how will we be able to afford it (needing the tuition dollars as we do)?

ITS Administrator: Is distance learning “in the mix” in the projections?
Can technology remedy some of the space needs “A lot can happen in 25 years”
Are our plans keeping up with technology? Will growth of virtual classrooms eliminate need for space?

1. None of the AMC Community Activities are listed i.e. community drive; book a buck campaign is for NYC Schools; cell phone and eye glass recycling;
2. Station#6 : the # of students anticipated for growth – these charts were confusing
3. For commuter students: more secure places are needed to lock bicycles on campus and at major commuter locations like Penn Station and Grand Central Station
4. Plant more trees on planters with trees around campus –e specially ones towards Broadway. I love our planters!
5. Event spaces like the lot Floor of 19 W. 4th Street and the Jurow Lecture Hall (?) first floor of Silver =-- we need more spaces like this.
6. Please be sure to keep including more natural light into your designs. The natural light going into new spaces such as the new Economics building. A little more individual environmental [unintelligible] controls should be included in all future designs.

Space for big events. Eliminate the need to have events at Carnegie Hall, Radio City, etc.
Outdoor space for fair and fun for students.

We would love to see administration (Dental) moved to Long Island City.

Re: Transportation

Why don't all the buses passing in front (or on the side!) of Puck Building (Houston and Lafayette) stop there?? And you should be start a [unintelligible] circle < shuttle [Houston-Lafayette- 12th St.-8th ave. connecting the University core

NYU Faculty Members

NYU should redesign/renovate the Mercer Dog run + adjacent spaces.

Increase endowment by forming men and women basketball Divison I teams. Alumni giving and student sense of shared community will [unintelligible] increase immediately.

Don't kill the block by eliminating the retail or miscellany of activities and uses
Community uses identify what campus can live with
What provides synergy

Bad example 'Bottom Line'
Throws out interesting landscapes

“What is the Strategic Plan” is a very good question. This physical planning effort has to be interlocked with an academic development plan. How will that be made manifest?

NYU Students

Keep Union Square and try to acquire more buildings there. It's a lively, vibrant community that is welcoming to students and yet allows them to feel immersed in the city. I live in Coral and walk to campus every day/ I work at Palladium which is extremely convenient and enjoy the market, shops and restaurants in the area.

First Thanks for the community of offering an Open House!
Now my comments. As it has been displayed NYU has enrolled almost the same amount of undergraduates as graduates. And yet, it seems to be more programs and opportunities for the undergraduate population. I think that this is not a fair deal. Most of us have to support ourselves and enjoy being students. Now days, it's not enough to have an undergraduate degree. In many cases you need, as a professional, to pursue a graduate even post graduate degree. Some need to stop working. Therefore, I will appreciate if NYU could offer better deals for us. I believe that a university like NYU doesn't depend only on undergraduates. Again thank you for making the difference.

Common rooms are usually not as “common” as I expected. The most inspiring moment for a PhD student might happen when s/he establishes a connection with students in a different area. My suggestion is that the school (not only GSAS) creates more physically common space for people and ideas from different realm to collide. Changing the access of NYU card might just be a simple way to do that.

To alleviate growing pains, I think that a larger, more outgoing Off-campus Housing Office would benefit the university and its students tremendously. By more actively engaging land owners in the community to use this resource to entice NYU students, and by “marketing” these spaces to NYU students more dynamically, more students will be encouraged to seek housing outside of NYU and save both students and staff a lot of pain.

Classroom space needs major improvement. Poor lighting, poor circulation, broken/squeaky chairs and lack of table space make learning uncomfortable.

Please take a look at the plans developed in 1964 by Philip Johnson for the master plan for NYU. This is what NYU should have looked like (and I want it to look like).

Great layout of the information and issues! I really enjoyed it I am a 1st year planning student at Wagner and appreciate getting to see this early part of the plans for the future. Keep up the good work!

I know this may not be financially plausible, but it would be really nice to have more affordable housing available through the University for couples. If single people are willing to live with roommates, there are many reasonable housing options available to them, but couples have to either live far, far away from campus or rack up huge amounts of debt in order to be closer to campus. In my current situation, I live over 30 minutes away from the Washington Square campus and from there I take an hour long shuttle to the research facility in Tuxedo which can easily equate to well over 3 hours of commute each day – But I still have classes here so I'm stuck traveling a lot.

This is very interesting – but is it do-able?

As a student, my organization had so much trouble with community Board # 2 and the Mayor's office this summer that – for the first time – I realized the disadvantage of not having an enclosed campus. Is the community on board?

The cookies were passable, but there was a definite lack of savory food at this event. When feeding us students back our tuition dollars please consider more nutritious options.

NYU buses are unreliable. We should get a discount on monthly passes for the subway since it is a more reliable form of transportation (I commute from below the water street dorm.)

Use Gould Plaza as a more welcoming space – add some green space/ lawn that is lacking from Washington Sq.

Educate students who aren't urban design/architecture majors- the history of the area – this can be used as a way to form a consistent cohesive meaning about the buildings and the space that is lacking the NYU “campus.”

NYU needs more open plazas-attached to academic centers – where students can congregate and socialize. Gould Plaza sets stern apart tremendously and is a huge asset for the business school. CAS in particular needs to create more of a community fuel and the creation of large open space may be an answer.

I would like to be involved with student planning committee so that I can share my experience as a student and help improve the NYU community.

Making NYU space (for example Hemmerdinger Hall) more accessible to clubs and organizations for activity would help solve coordination issues with space and overcrowding at Kimmel that stifles student involvement.

NYU should make some kind of agreement with the MTA to provide Subway/Bus tickets at discounted rates for students so the transit cost is not so lofty.

1. Increase the TA's stipend
2. Decrease the tax

Don't build ugly buildings. Nothing will make you more hated in the community. If they have to be ugly keep them small.

Excellent community outreach

Will NYU build more classrooms instead of student lounges?

I pay a lot of my own money to go here and the classrooms are often an insult.
I am here to learn not party. I don't need more lounges.

I liked what I saw about the dental school doing free screenings for locals – I'd like to see more community service from the dental and medical schools. Also more help with transportation for students. – Either buses could go to more places of NYU could offer discounted unlimited Metrocards (or both)

While establishing new building is good, public spaces should be taken into consideration, one exclusively for students. Example area near the Palladium dorm on the West side of the building. I have yet to see anyone enter the courtyard and believe it would be an excellent social place if given the chance.

Classroom spaces are poorly maintained – minimum desk spaces, broken chair backs, etc.
Public bike transportation system?? Like that of Paris Velib possibly?
Better endowment – alumni relations
Contemporary technology university- wide

Bring in a common character in all building.

Rope in the collective talent and energy of NYU students.

Give a strong sense of identity to campus (something the studs can remember)

Decrease vehicular traffic to [intelligible] (bring in regulation)

International students don't feel any sense of "campus". Could that be reflected in future planning?

At some science department, students should get the permission from the advisor, sometimes rejects to have an internship.
There are few opportunities for graduate students exchanging to study abroad.

Build a NYU community to record the NYU history. We can display all kinds of articles, pictures, and so on.

There is not enough provided space for students to study – both individually or in groups.

We must move away from notions like: "accommodating growth," "meeting growth," "sustaining growth" We live on a finite planet and our university needs to remember the land it occupies and focus on our community.

The division of a University into self-sustaining institutions in separate regions (global-regional campuses) is something that as a recent college applicant, I have associated with for less prestigious universities. I have the perception whether true or false, that multiple campuses represent a diffusion of an institutions identity and prestige.
I also however do not believe that our growth necessitates this division or is inevitable if it indeed must.

Fix W. 3rd St. it is nothing but the backs of NYU owned buildings and despite being completely accessible it is not functional. Also expand on University place to connect Washington Sq. and Union Square facilities. Find new buildings with connections to the 8th Street R/W subway stop. It is the closest station and is underutilized by the current dispersal of NYU locations. NYU in BK off the L line could connect BK with Union Square Campus.

There should be a new additional Library besides Bobst. There should be more biking routes (as the mayor's plan indicates) There should be more greenery less cement on walk ways.
There should be more efforts to get donation by other schools (following Stern's examples)
There should be more honoring of Alumni (who have done great things) done. There should be more defining of an NYU community rather than an NYC community.

There is a great initiative so far at helping us understand how NYU is involving the community and its community in its plan for future development. Issues I've had w/ NYU is their lack of information about plans occurring before they've been finalized, I'm specially dissatisfied with the 12th St. dorm on a whole and how it was planned and how the

community was dealt with in response to its development. However, NYU is doing a good job at trying to remedy its past mistakes. One of the most important concerns brought up as the principle: “respect the limitations of the urban environment” I think this will be very important as NYU grows.

As a student, engaged a President of the ACLU@ NYU club, as well as a NYC resident working in workforce development and [unintelligible word] sustainability, I would like to see the University progress more towards encouraging students in a sensitive, thoughtful, informed manner – to engage the city beyond Washington Sq. The city has a large, largely well-off student body at its disposal in NYU; I hope the future sees more cooperation.

I think it is smart for NYU to get out of expensive leases on buildings for housing that are so far from campus (Cliff + Water St. namely) Great job on the NYU Green Plan and keeping building's historic architecture. NYU needs more green spaces that are welcoming not Silver Towers (Picasso statues don't invite a game of dodge ball) or gated “parks” (ex. The concrete jungles on Mercer.)

Regarding Distant Campuses: As a graduate student I live in Manhattan but attend several classes and perform research at the Sterling Forest facility in Tuxedo, NY. It works because graduate students' needs are much different than an undergraduate. While I value the opportunity to study at different campus locations I think it would be unwise to ask undergraduates to travel between campuses. Increase distant campuses but limit to graduate students.

Regarding Study Abroad: Having come from an undergraduate university where over 70% of the student body speaks another language and have lived abroad, I must encourage any attempts at providing more opportunities to have ‘any’ desirous student a chance to go abroad. The value of learning about a new place and culture are invaluable to the individual and the larger collective university body. I feel that incentives should be given for students willing to take time to learn the language where they go so there should be some sort of financial or priority benefit to students who enroll in language classes before going to study abroad. “It is impossible to truly understand a foreign culture without learning their language.”

Regarding Housing: Why no married student housing?

For help in designing strategy or policy on the issues I have mentioned please feel free to

Local Community Members

A wide range of alternative transportation options need to be explored (bicycle, transit, walking, shared spaces) as well as the infrastructure to accommodate them.

About the only the only good thing NYU does for the community is put in wonderful gardens.

Otherwise it destroys small businesses, tears down historical buildings and makes it a neighborhood where no budding artist can afford to live. No more [unintelligible] ever again.

Please change the Waverly to W 4th area on the streets into a park. It is barely used by cars and it would add much more greenery to our campus.

I greatly [unintelligible] and am disheartened in the over zealous development on the part of NYU throughout my community and other areas if New York City. Enough is enough!

With NYU's expansion neighborhood loses its character. Think about moving schools and institutional uses to locales outside the Village and convert freed-up space for residential (faculty + students).

Public spaces need to be truly public – usable by faculty, students, and the residents of the community – if done well and open to all they will not only enhance the public environment of the community at large but of the whole NYU community.

This is all empty rhetoric. Not one specific detail about what NYU will actually do to improve relations with the community. Is NYU a real estate agency using the university as a tax write off? That's how it seems to the community.

It is very important that the university pay more attention to good urban design, public spaces, and streetscape issues for the community and the students.

Public spaces and good urban design are of the utmost importance as well as attention to pedestrian-friendly streetscape.

I don't see much about what NYU will do for the existent community. Are there any specific positive actions NYU will take to preserve business and tenants?

If expansion into Long Island City, would service programs include new areas?

Strongly recommend that some roads are closed in the area and more room for pedestrians is made available. This will be both a "green" initiative and make the area more livable.

Other

Need to go full-steam ahead with genomics/engineering expansion. Keep me posted.

As a Global Affairs alum I'm fiercely attached to our space in the Woolworth building but have concerns about the isolationist tendencies it bred amongst our community. I would never dream of suggesting a move away from the space—I especially valued the great subway access, much better than W 4th! But links to the spare physical or otherwise, need to be strengthened especially now that the need for paper documents for which we visit the library, as opposed to the pdfs, we download so many of, is dwindling.