The University Space Priorities Working Group—first announced at the May 2012 meeting of the University Senate, made up of faculty representatives appointed by the schools and the Faculty Senators Council, as well as representatives from the Student Senators Council and the Administrative Management Council—has been formed to solicit meaningful input from our community. With the zoning envelope now defined, the Working Group will take up the task of giving definitive guidance to the University Administration on implementation; of taking account of the existing, pressing space needs of academic units and programs; and of listening to the implications of the NYU Core Project for members of the University community. The charge to the working group includes:

- identifying ways to continue to increase the efficiency and usage of existing space;
- submitting criteria and key principles to apply to the development of the spatial endowment we have been granted under the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP), including providing a crucial voice on plans for the initial building on the southern block;
- establishing the criteria to consider in the selection of an architect and on a process to receive comments on designs as the project proceeds;
- specifying which future academic programs are most important to locate close to the core NYU neighborhood;
- providing specific advice on NYU's proposals to improve open space; and
- using the resources allocated to minimize the inconvenience of construction, determine the elements of the University proposals to provide amenities or accommodations.

Its work will be transparent, and it will include solicitation of opinion and sentiment from the NYU community. The Working Group will maintain a website with regular reports of meetings, documents under review, and the capacity to receive advice and comments from faculty, students, administrators and staff. The Working Group will also develop its own strategy for consultation with the NYU community. Moreover, the University will not undertake any construction authorized by the NYU Core Project, beyond routine maintenance or any required grounds improvement projects, before the receipt of the Working Group’s report in May 2013.

To access the NYU Framework 2031, please see:
http://www.nyu.edu/content/dam/shared/documents/nyu.framework2031.final.pdf