2.3.7 Preparation of Draft EIR

In preparing the Draft EIR, the campus should review and incorporate comments made on the Administrative Draft EIR and resolve issues that have arisen during internal review of the document. Before distributing a draft prepared by a consultant, the campus should review it and make appropriate revisions. The Draft EIR sent out for public review must reflect the independent judgment of the University of California that it presents an adequate and objective analysis of project impacts and alternatives (CEQA Guidelines Section 15084, http://ceres.ca.gov/topic/env_law/ceqa/guidelines/art7.html).

If substantial disagreement exists about issues in the EIR, all internal parties should be brought together, including campus planning staff, consultants, and representatives from the Offices of the President and General Counsel, to discuss and reach agreement on those issues.

As planners or analysts identify impacts for each issue area and mitigation measures to reduce those impacts to less-than-significant levels, they should conceptualize mitigation measures and keep informal notes on how they would be monitored.