TOPIC: Coppin State University: Facilities Master Plan Update

COMMITTEE: Finance

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: October 7, 2010 (presentation and information)

SUMMARY: Coppin State University (CSU) requests Board of Regents approval of the FY2009-2019 Facilities Master Plan (FMP), an update to its 2001–2011 Facilities Master Plan (FMP).

Coppin State University is located in the west central section of Baltimore City on West North Avenue, a quiet setting in a busy city. The University is committed to excellence in teaching, research, and continuing service to its community. The University is a comprehensive, urban institution offering programs in liberal arts, sciences, and professional disciplines. The campus is comprised of 56 acres, consisting of 14 buildings with over 1.2 million gross square feet (GSF) of academic and auxiliary space.

The University has followed the 2001-2011 FMP. Since the plan’s approval in 2002, the University has completed the construction of Daley Residence Hall, phased campus-wide telecommunications upgrade, Talon Center (dining hall), elevator addition to Grace Hill Jacobs, replacement of the Connor Administration building facade, the three-phased campus-wide Utility and Infrastructure Project, demolition of the Lutheran Hospital site, the Health & Human Services Building, and Physical Education Complex. The Health and Human Services building was completed in 2008, which changed the dynamic on campus by being the first building on campus south of North Avenue. By spring of 2011, the University anticipates completing the new quad revitalization & cafe renovation, Murphy Research building renovation, demolition of the Coppin Center, upgraded data centers, ADA improvements in Tawes and library elevators. Upon completion of these projects, the University will have taken a huge step in sustainability by greening the quad, consolidating Coppin Academy, and removing an inefficient building on campus. The University is also currently undergoing the laborious task of acquiring 210 properties for the new Science and Technology Center, which will be the second academic building on campus south of North Avenue. In addition, the University is on pace to construct the first parking structure on campus, which will connect to OCL elevator tower and the HHSB bridge.

The 2009-2019 FMP supports the University mission and 2010 Strategic Plan. The plan builds upon the framework established in the 2001-2011 FMP and addresses physical planning aspects associated with the University’s planned enrollment growth. Through new construction and renovation, the 2009-2019 FMP addresses the existing space deficit and provides additional academic and auxiliary space to support future enrollment growth. The plan develops the campus to the responsible capacity of the land, strengthens pedestrian connections, and provides a functional alignment of schools and departments. The plan defines the campus edges, entrances and destination centers through both natural and built landscapes. The plan also sets forth a comprehensive strategy for renewal and reinvestment in existing facilities to address the existing deferred maintenance backlog and improve the functionality and energy efficiency of the existing physical plant.

The 2009 FMP builds upon the University’s commitment to develop a more sustainable campus. The plan continues to preserve and protect green spaces and add more under future developments. All new and major renovation construction projects will incorporate LEED standards, seek to limit net gain of impervious surface and preserve green space. Extending
the central utility loop to new and existing buildings will improve energy efficiency. Parking and transportation projects and policy recommendations are designed to reduce the University’s carbon footprint and traffic on local and state roads.

**ALTERNATIVE(S):** The 2009-2019 FMP documents institutional long term planning objectives are consistent with the 2001-2011 FMP, the University’s mission, strategic plan and the current enrollment growth projections. Unanticipated enrollment growth, the development of detailed facility programs, and a desire to meet unexpected State of Maryland workforce and societal needs may require additional master plan studies in the future.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Facilities Master Plan 2009-2019 will present a challenge to the capital and operating budgets to secure funding to support the Plan. Approval of the Plan does not imply approval of capital projects or funding. These items will be reviewed through the normal procedures of the capital and operating budget processes.

**CHANCELLOR’S RECOMMENDATION:** That the Finance Committee consider the Coppin State University Facilities Master Plan Update and materials as presented today for formal action at the Committee’s November meeting, subsequently recommending approval to the Board of Regents the following month, in accordance with the Board’s two-step approval process.

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**BOARD ACTION:**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Joseph F. Vivona (301) 445-1923