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**TOPIC:** University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC): Facilities Master Plan Update

**COMMITTEE:** Finance

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:** March 25, 2010

**SUMMARY:** UMBC requests Board of Regents approval of this update to its 2003-2013 Facilities Master Plan (FMP).

UMBC is a public research university, emphasizing a strong undergraduate liberal arts foundation preparing talented students for graduate and professional study, entry into the workforce, and community service and leadership. At the graduate level, UMBC offers programs in the sciences, engineering, public policy, information technology, and human services. Established in 1966, UMBC has grown rapidly to over 12,800 students, of which nearly 23% are graduate students.

UMBC is located in suburban Baltimore County, on the I-95 corridor between Washington, D.C., and Baltimore. The campus is comprised of 512 acres, consisting of 73 buildings with over 3.6 million gross square feet of academic and auxiliary space. The University is surrounded by one of the greatest concentrations of commercial, cultural and scientific activity in the nation. The location is a strength that gives UMBC a high profile in the metropolitan area and is attractive for new entrepreneurial partnerships.

Since the 2003 Facilities Master Plan, UMBC has experienced continued growth and development on campus. The current period has seen the completion of both the Information Technology & Engineering Building and the Public Policy Building, the construction of the Walker Avenue Apartments, and the renovation of and addition to the UMBC Stadium complex. Since 2003, extensive renovations to the Chemistry Building (built in 1971) were completed, as well as renovations or systemic replacements to the mechanical systems of several buildings, including the dining hall and numerous residential communities.

In spite of this facility expansion over the last five years, the University maintains a sizable deficit in the type of basic facilities required to keep pace with growth in enrollments. The 2009 Facilities Master Plan Update supports the university mission by establishing a campus framework to guide future development and proposing specific projects to address the identified current and future space deficits on campus. The 2009 Facilities Master Plan Update emphasizes the quality of both the facilities on campus and the exterior spaces that contribute to the collegiate environment. The plan also develops a comprehensive strategy for renewal of existing buildings on campus, addressing serious code and compliance issues, while improving operational and energy efficiencies.

In 2007, Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, UMBC's president, became a signatory of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. The 2009 Facilities Master Plan Update builds upon the University's commitment to develop a more sustainable campus. The plan emphasizes preserving and connecting the natural areas of campus, developing added environmental research and recreational opportunities, and building environmentally friendly facilities that meet programmatic needs. The University has developed parking and transportation initiatives to reduce the University's carbon footprint. Energy efficiency on campus will be improved with upgrades and extensions of the campus central utility plant, and in the renovation and construction of facilities that will incorporate LEED standards to reduce energy usage.

**ALTERNATIVE(S)**: The UMBC 2009 Facilities Master Plan Update documents institutional long term planning objectives and is consistent with the 2003 Facilities Master Plan, 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 updates to long-range plans in the future.

**FISCAL IMPACT**: The UMBC 2009 Facilities Master Plan Update will present a challenge to the existing capital and operating budgets. The University is committed to securing funds to develop 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 UMBC Facilities Master Plan Update and materials as presented today for approval at its June 15 meeting, in accordance with the Board's two-step approval process.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Accepted for information purposes. DATE: 3/25/10

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