



TOPIC: University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) Facilities Master Plan

COMMITTEE: Finance

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: January 28, 2010 (presentation and information)
March 25, 2010 (action)

SUMMARY: University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) requests Board of Regents approval of this update to its 2002-2012 Facilities Master Plan (FMP).

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore's 745 acre campus is located adjacent to the town of Princess Anne, Maryland in Somerset County. Serving 4,433 students as of the fall 2009, UMES continues to experience significant enrollment growth and is the only doctoral degree granting institution on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Maryland's 1890 Land Grant University emphasizes baccalaureate and graduate programs in the liberal arts, health professions, sciences, agriculture, engineering, and teacher education. In keeping with its land grant mandate, the University's purpose and uniqueness are grounded in distinctive learning, discovery, and engagement and opportunity. The campus facilities inventory includes 91 buildings ranging from 69 years of age to 5 years, and contains approximately 1.8 million gross square feet of space.

The document presented is an update of the 2002 FMP, with a focus on academic and residential facilities. Over the last 10 years numerous campus construction and renovation projects have been completed and three property acquisitions have been transacted.

The proposed FMP Update supports the University mission and Strategic Plan. The plan builds upon the 2002 FMP and addresses physical planning aspects associated with the University's planned programmatic and enrollment growth. It identifies existing and expected future space deficits and addresses the University's needs for new construction and renovation. Particular needs include the new aviation science, math, computer science and engineering facility, desperately needed residential facilities, and general renovations to aging classroom, office and research space. The plan continues to define the campus as a pedestrian campus with the appropriate bicycle trails and peripheral parking.

The proposed FMP Update reflects the University's commitment to climate change mitigation through climate neutrality and campus-wide sustainability. This plan allows for the continuance of the development and protection of green space. All new construction projects and renovation will seek a minimum of LEED Silver standards.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The FMP Update documents institutional long-term planning objectives and is consistent with the 2002 FMP, the University's mission, strategic plan, and 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 FMP Update will necessitate capital and operating budgets to secure funding to support the Plan. Approval of the Plan does not imply approval of the 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 recommend that the Board of Regents approve the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) Facilities Master Plan Update and materials as presented in January.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval.

DATE: 3/25/10

BOARD ACTION:

DATE:

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