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**TOPIC:** Frostburg State University: Facilities Master Plan Update

**COMMITTEE:** Finance

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:** September 1, 2011 (presentation and information)

**SUMMARY:** Frostburg State University requests Board of Regents approval of this update to its 2001 Facilities Master Plan (FMP).

Frostburg State University is located in Allegany County in the mountains of western Maryland. The University is the State's only institution of higher education west of Frederick. The University has an enrollment of 5,470, most of whom are undergraduate students. The University awarded 767 undergraduate degrees and 229 graduate degrees in FY2010 in 45 bachelor and 17 master degree programs. The campus is comprised of 265 acres with 45 buildings having over 1.5 million gross square feet (GSF) of space.

The University used the 2001 FMP to guide its development in support of the University System of Maryland Strategic Plan, "Powering Maryland Forward" and the Frostburg State University Strategic Plan. Several recommendations included in the approved plan have been implemented including: demolition of Tawes Hall for the construction of the Center for Communication and Information Technology, renovation of and addition to the Lane University Center. Additionally, the University has acquired several properties included in its acquisition zone.

The FMP Update builds upon the 2001 plan and is based on the University's mission and Strategic Plan. The plan update reflects a current building inventory that does not meet the needs of the University's academic and service programs. There is an urgent need for technologically enhanced instructional space as well as a need to reduce dependency on functionally inappropriately configured and inefficient space. Key features of the Master Plan Update include: construction of two new classroom buildings, a new residence hall and the renovation of four existing buildings, all necessary for the University to fulfill its mission and address the backlog of facilities renewal and deferred maintenance. The Master Plan Update, like the 2001 FMP, is optimistic and is based on a commitment of adequate capital funding.

The Plan Update builds upon the University's commitment to sustainability. All aspects of the updated plan have sustainability recommendations and requirements including incorporation of LEED standards for new and major renovation projects, "greening" of the campus and continued improvements to energy efficiency.

**ALTERNATIVE(S):** The FMP Update documents FSU's long term planning objectives and is consistent with the University's mission, strategic plan and the current enrollment growth projections.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The FMP Update will present a challenge to the capital and operating budgets to implement. Approval of the Plan Update 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 Frostburg State University Facilities Master Plan Update and materials as presented today for formal

action at the Committee's next meeting, in accordance with the Board's two-step approval process.

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