



TOPIC: The Universities at Shady Grove: Facilities Master Plan Update

COMMITTEE: Finance

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: November 21, 2013 (action)
October 17, 2013 (presentation and information)

SUMMARY: The Universities at Shady Grove requests Board of Regents approval of this 2013 update to its 2003 Facilities Master Plan (FMP).

The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) is located in Montgomery County in Rockville, Maryland, at the southern edge of the Shady Grove Life Sciences Center. The campus is comprised of 52 acres with three buildings having over 300,000 gross square feet (GSF) of space, as well as one parking structure.

USG is the largest of the State's regional higher education centers with more than 4,000 students enrolled in 80 degree programs from nine different USM universities. Degree programs offered include both undergraduate (upper-level only) and graduate programs for both full-time and part-time students in day, evening and weekend formats. *USG provides access to affordable higher education by bringing high-demand programs from USM institutions throughout the State to one central location in Montgomery County.*

USG has used the 2003 FMP to guide its development. Several recommendations included in the approved plan have been implemented, including the Camille Kendall Academic Center (Building III) which opened in 2007 and the first parking garage which opened in 2009.

The FMP Update builds upon the 2003 plan and is based on USG's mission and strategic plan. As USG has evolved since 2000, it has grown into a vibrant campus with a diverse student population that offers degree programs that meet the needs of the employers in the region. Key features of the Plan Update include: a new 220,000 GSF Biomedical Sciences & Engineering Education Building (BSE) to build the specialized space necessary for high-demand degree programs to meet the needs of the region's projected workforce in healthcare, biosciences, engineering and STEM education; a new 700-space parking structure; creation of a new gateway off of Shady Grove Road; and a commitment to sustainable practices. The Plan Update, like the 2003 FMP, is opportunity based. Planned projects are being phased to allow for multiple projects that will not disrupt normal activities on the growing campus.

The Plan Update builds upon the USG's commitment to evolve into a more sustainable campus. All aspects of the built environment have sustainability recommendations and requirements, including incorporation of a high level of LEED standards for new and major renovation projects, "greening" of the campus; improving and encouraging fuel-efficient and public transportation to reduce greenhouse gases on the commuter campus; certifying Buildings I and II under the LEED-EB program for existing buildings; and continual improvements to energy efficiency.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The FMP Update documents USG's long-term planning objectives and is consistent with the center'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.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Finance Committee recommend that the Board of Regents approve for the Universities at Shady Grove the Facilities Master Plan Update as presented at the last meeting. 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.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval.

DATE: 11/21/13

BOARD ACTION:

DATE:

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