TOPIC: Frostburg State University: Discussion of Student Housing

COMMITTEE: Finance

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: November 19, 2015

SUMMARY: As a follow-up requested by the members of the Finance Committee and tied to their approval of the System-Funded Construction Program at the June Committee meeting, this will be a discussion regarding the topic of student housing at Frostburg State University. The Committee also requested a similar discussion regarding student housing at Coppin State University. Given the interest in taking the time necessary to explore the issues unique to each institution, we will discuss Frostburg in November and follow-up with a discussion of Coppin at the Committee’s January meeting.

ALTERNATIVE(S): This item is for information and discussion purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT: This item is for information and discussion purposes.

CHANCELLOR’S RECOMMENDATION: This item is for information and discussion purposes.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ACCEPTED FOR INFORMATION DATE: 11/19/15

BOARD ACTION: DATE:

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OVERVIEW: STUDENT HOUSING AT FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Fall 2015 enrollment: 5,756 (headcount total)
FY 2015 actual FTE / FY 2016 est. FTE: 4,608 / 4,680
Current campus bed count: 2,090

FSU Residence Halls: 1,690 (most in older buildings)
Plus those in MEDCO PPP: 400

Current vacancies in FSU buildings: 146*
Current waiting list: 0

Demand Study: Complete 10/19/15

| Supply-induced demand if the University creates a new facility comprised of the type of units preferred by survey respondents (quality, configuration, cost) | 400 Beds |
| Added demand if a new policy requiring Freshman and Sophomores to live on campus (with certain exceptions) is implemented | 350 Beds |
| Total New Demand | 750 Beds |
| Less current vacancies* | -146 Beds* |
| **Net Total Demand (with these conditions) for new facility** | 604 Beds |
| **Desired size of new facility** | 425 Beds |

*96 of these beds have been deliberately taken offline by the campus for renovation or to provide private rooms for certain students (e.g., Resident Assistants)

Notes:
- Largest overall enrollment in 117-year history
- Undergraduate enrollment has grown by 15% over the past decade from 4,321 in 2005
- Number of international students has grown to a record level of 116 students
  - 80 additional applications for degree-seeking international students for spring 2016
- Newest residence hall was built in 1976 creating challenges for recruitment not only from the age of the buildings—the configurations are not what current students request
  - 5 small traditional residence halls have been renovated since 2008
- Edgewood Commons (Public-Private-Partnership) has been filled for the past three years and is now generating ground rent
- A new FSU residence hall will generate an additional $1.8M of revenue from meal plans
  - FSU does not have any debt on its residence halls