



TOPIC: University of Maryland Eastern Shore: Facilities Master Plan Update

COMMITTEE: Finance

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: March 31, 2016 (presentation and information)
June 9, 2016 (action)

SUMMARY: The University of Maryland Eastern Shore requests Board of Regents approval of this 2016 update to its Facilities Master Plan (FMP).

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), the State's historically black 1890 land-grant institution, has its purpose and uniqueness grounded in distinctive learning, discovery and engagement opportunities in the arts and sciences, education, technology, engineering, agriculture, business and health professions.

UMES is a student-centered, doctoral research degree-granting university known for its nationally accredited undergraduate and graduate programs, applied research, and highly valued graduates. It prepares graduates to address challenges in a global knowledge-based economy, while maintaining its commitment to meeting the workforce and economic development needs of the Eastern Shore, the State, the Nation and the world.

The campus is comprised of 745 acres with 88 buildings having almost 1.9 million gross square feet of academic and auxiliary space. It has 384 acres of farm and woodland along Stewart Neck road, Princess Anne, Maryland dedicated to its 1890 land grant mission with emphasis on teaching, research and extension. The University followed the 2008 – 2018 FMP to guide its development. The approved master plan was followed leading to the construction of the Engineering and Aviation Science Building in 2015.

The plan update is based on the shared goal that the physical environment must support the University mission and academic goals. UMES was recently classified as a Carnegie Doctoral Research University—a status that recognizes its quest for excellence in research, teaching, and service. Appropriate academic and auxiliary facilities that support the overall UMES mission are needed.

A few years ago, UMES embarked on a strategic planning process to identify needs, guide academics and student life, and set goals for the future. UMES's 2011-2016 Strategic Plan "Celebrating the Journey of the Past 125 Years and Charting Paths to the Future" identifies missions, visions, and core values.

This campus facilities master plan is a physical manifestation of the University's strategic plan. It is intended to capture the unique sense of place and identity of the campus and expresses a shared vision of the campus community for its future growth, including how the physical design of the campus serves the University's mission and academic objectives. The master plan provides a road map for realizing this vision and becomes a crucial tool in confirming that short-term projects are working in conjunction with long-term plans and goals.

Individual decisions about new building locations, facility designs, renovations, landscape, and infrastructure improvements can be understood in the context of the larger strategic, aesthetic, sustainability, and environmental goals for the campus.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The FMP Update documents UMES’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 the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Facilities Master Plan Update and materials as presented in March for formal action at this meeting; and recommend approval to the Board of Regents, in accordance with the Board’s two-step approval process. 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: _____ DATE: _____

BOARD ACTION: _____ DATE: _____

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