

TOPIC: Bowie State University: Facilities Master Plan Update

COMMITTEE: Finance

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: September 8, 2016 (presentation and information)
October 6, 2016 (action)

SUMMARY: Bowie State University (BSU) requests Board of Regents approval of the 2016 update to its Facilities Master Plan (FMP).

Bowie State University is in a rural setting centrally located on a scenic and serene wooded tract next to the City of Bowie, between the metropolitan areas of Baltimore (25 miles), Washington D.C. (17 miles), and Annapolis (15 miles). Established in 1865, BSU is the oldest of the four Historically Black Institutions of higher learning in the State of Maryland and the fifth oldest in the nation. Offering 41 bachelor's and master's degree programs, two doctoral degree programs, and 17 graduate and advanced certification programs with a focus on computer science, information technology, business, nursing, natural sciences, and education, BSU is one of 11 degree-granting institutions and one research center in the University System of Maryland (USM). The campus is comprised of 342 acres, with over 1.4 million gross square feet of academic and auxiliary space.

The University has followed the 2010 FMP. Since the previous 2010-2020 Facilities Master Plan, dated December 2010, the University has undertaken several capital projects. Those include Campus-wide Site Improvements: resurfacing parking lots, development of open spaces, walkways and plazas; Fine and Performing Arts Center, Student Center, exterior lighting upgrade, roof replacements, Fieldhouse Renovation and Addition; electrical infrastructure upgrade, James Complex HVAC, Track Renovation, and the Center for Natural Science, Nursing and Mathematic (currently under construction).

Bowie State University's Facilities Master Plan update is based on the University's mission and Strategic Plan. The update addresses the accomplishments, needs and aspirations of Bowie State University, the projected enrollment growth, growing facilities needs, and the constraints on public budgets. The Plan acknowledges the fiscal realities of 2016 capital planning while keeping the needs of the institution as paramount, within the long range vision. This FMP should be viewed as a fluid document that is a conceptual tool and guide for making decisions regarding Bowie State University's physical resources.

The plan was developed through a collaborative effort on the campus that involved faculty, staff, student representatives, Prince George's County, and the City of Bowie. It builds upon the University's commitment to evolve into a more sustainable campus including incorporation of LEED standards for new and major renovation projects, greening of the campus and continual improvements to energy efficiency.

The Master Plan addresses the physical infrastructure to accommodate the growth in the changing character of the University and the deficit in quality academic facilities resulting from twenty years of no

capital improvements between 1979 and 2000. The Plan gives particular attention to functional efficiency and aesthetics as it envisions a campus that could eventually house up to three thousand students. The needs of a rich and textured campus environment to also support student life are evident from the success of the Student Center, the proposed Humanities Building, Wellness Center, Residence Halls, Thurgood Marshall Library Renovation, Public Safety and Communications Complex, and Facilities & Maintenance Building. With the future expansion of high quality academic programs and an environment that welcomes all people, Bowie State University will fulfill the promise it holds for Maryland.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The FMP Update documents BSU's institutional long term planning objectives and is consistent with the 2010 FMP, the University's mission, strategic plan, academic plan, and current enrollment growth projections.

FISCAL IMPACT: The FMP Update will present a challenge to the capital and operating budgets to fully 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 recommend the Bowie State University Facilities Master Plan Update and materials as presented at the September meeting for approval by the Board of Regents at their October meeting, 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: RECOMMEND APPROVAL

DATE: 10/6/16

BOARD ACTION:

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SUBMITTED BY:
