

TOPIC: Coppin State University: Facilities Master Plan Update

COMMITTEE: Finance

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: November 17, 2016 (presentation and information)
January 26, 2017 (action)

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

Coppin State University is located in the west central section of Baltimore City on West North Avenue, a quiet setting in a busy city. The University is committed to excellence in teaching, research, and continuing service to its community. The University is a comprehensive, urban institution offering programs in liberal arts, sciences, and professional disciplines. The campus is comprised of 65 acres, consisting of 14 buildings with over 1.2 million gross square feet (GSF) of academic and auxiliary space.

The University has followed the 2009-2019 FMP. Since the plan's approval in 2010, the University has completed phase three of the campus-wide Utility and Infrastructure Project, Physical Education Complex, new quad revitalization & cafe renovation, Murphy Research building renovation, demolition of the Coppin Center, upgraded Data Centers, ADA improvements in Tawes and Library elevators. The University has taken a huge step in sustainability by greening the quad, consolidating Coppin Academy into one building, and removing an inefficient building on campus. The University also completed the laborious task of acquiring 210 properties for the new Science and Technology Center (completed 2015), which is the second academic building on campus south of North Avenue. In addition, the University is on pace to complete the ADA Elevator which connects to the bridge over North Avenue.

The 2015-2025 FMP supports the University mission and 2013 Strategic Plan. The plan builds upon the framework established in the 2001-2011 & the 2009-2019 FMP's and addresses physical planning aspects associated with the University's planned enrollment growth. Through new construction and renovation, the 2015-2025 FMP addresses the existing space deficit and provides additional academic and auxiliary space to support future enrollment growth. The plan develops the campus to the responsible capacity of the land, strengthens pedestrian connections, and provides a functional alignment of schools and departments. The plan defines the campus edges, entrances and destination centers through both natural and built landscapes. The plan also sets forth a comprehensive strategy for renewal and reinvestment in existing facilities to address the existing deferred maintenance backlog and improve the functionality and energy efficiency of the existing physical plant.

The 2015 FMP builds upon the University's commitment to develop a more sustainable campus. The plan continues to preserve and protect green spaces and add more under future developments. All new and major renovation construction projects will incorporate LEED standards, seek to limit net gain of impervious surface and preserve green space. Extending the central utility loop to new and existing buildings will improve energy efficiency. Parking and transportation projects, and policy recommendations are designed to reduce the University's carbon footprint and traffic on local and state roads.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The 2015-2025 FMP documents institutional long term planning objectives are consistent with the 2009-2019 FMP, the University’s mission, strategic plan and the current enrollment growth projections. Unanticipated enrollment growth, the development of detailed facility programs, and a desire to meet unexpected State of Maryland workforce and societal needs may require additional master plan studies in the future.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Facilities Master Plan 2015-2025 will present a challenge to the capital and operating budgets to secure funding to support the Plan. Approval of the Plan 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 Coppin State University Facilities Master Plan Update and materials, as presented in November, and recommend approval to the Board of Regents in accordance with the Board’s two-step approval process. Approval of the Plan 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.

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