

DATE: November 20, 2008**SUBJECT:** Presentation of the Tennessee State University Master Plan Update**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Approval

The Tennessee State University (TSU) Master Plan Update will be presented by Jerry Preston from the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR). The update identifies and addresses both the current and long-range needs for TSU and provides a realistic plan to develop the campus and its facilities for maximum benefit to the students, staff, and the community.

Because of the changing financial landscape in higher education, indicated by stagnant state support which will impact capital outlay funding, two approaches were identified to accommodate anticipated enrollment growth: a traditional model that projects new buildings and a utilization model which would rely on TSU better utilizing existing facilities. Some portion of future enrollment growth could be accommodated with better space utilization. The Master Plan included extensive analysis of classroom usage by day and hour that properly conveyed an understanding of the importance of space utilization in an era of limited capital funding. No further large land acquisitions are envisioned.

Four general master plan concepts were presented to TSU and TBR officials for feedback. The final Master Plan was developed that includes the full complement of new buildings, greenspace, circulation, aesthetics, and other improvements. The TSU Master Plan is divided into a short term plan of less than 5 years and a long term plan that includes thorough maps, phasing and implementation plans as well as projected cost data. Among the highlights of the Master Plan are a new engineering precinct, comprised of a series of smaller buildings, a new football stadium, new external parking lots, student housing, library expansion, and a campus historic quadrangle.

The TSU Campus Master Plan Update has been thoroughly reviewed and THEC staff recommends it for approval.