

Agenda Item: I.D.

DATE: January 27, 2011

SUBJECT: Presentation of the University of Tennessee at Martin Master Plan Update

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Approval

The 2010 University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM) Master Plan Update will be presented by Mr. Marion Fowlkes from Centric Architecture. The UTM Master Plan provides a guide for campus expansion while preserving and renewing existing facilities and reinforcing the positive aspects of the campus.

The UTM Master Plan addresses the long term needs of the campus with respect to academic facilities, student housing, parking, circulation, visual improvements and land acquisition. The THEC Space Planning Guidelines were utilized to identify and project needs for campus space.

The Master Plan details scenarios for meeting expected enrollment growth through the expansion and renovation of existing instructional buildings and the construction of three new classroom and laboratory buildings. Student housing needs are addressed through the proposed replacement of two existing dorms with apartment-style housing and consolidation of sororities and fraternities on campus through the construction of new Greek facilities. Also, additional food service facilities are planned within or adjacent to the future student housing. The Master Plan also calls for campus visual improvements such as ceremonial gateways, landscaping, plazas, as well as pedestrian and vehicular improvements such as new signage.

The three new capital projects identified in the Master Plan have an estimated cost of \$88.6 million. The Master Plan also lists five potential real estate acquisitions at an estimated cost of \$3.1 million. The proposed acquisitions would provide land for future parking space, on-campus student apartments, and agricultural program use.

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