

DATE: July 26, 2012

SUBJECT: Presentation of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Master Plan

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Approval

The 2012 University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) Master Plan will be presented by Krisan Osterby from the architectural firm Perkins & Will. The UTC Master Plan provides a guide for expanding and renovating space at the main campus to support anticipated enrollment growth.

The UTC Master Plan uses the THEC Space Planning Guidelines to address the short, intermediate, and long-term needs of the campus with respect to building and land use, residential student life, open space, circulation and parking, transit and bicycle, utilities and land acquisition.

The Master Plan accounts for projected enrollment growth at the main campus over the next 15 years to range from 4,000 to 7,000 students. Current enrollment is approximately 11,000 students. UTC believes actual growth will be at the lower end of these estimates. The THEC Space Guidelines estimate a deficiency of office and study space, and research and service labs based on these enrollment projections.

The Master Plan identifies various campus-wide capital outlay projects and renovations in three phases. These projects include new building and open space construction, pathway and streetscape development, roadway improvements and utility maintenance. The Master Plan asserts that the University's long-term building needs exceed its current land holdings. New boundaries for possible land acquisitions are identified in the plan.

Over the three phases, the UTC Master Plan identifies 11 new academic/learning buildings, as well as athletic facilities, parking structures, residential buildings and additional projects to accommodate projected enrollment increases. These projects are estimated to cost \$650 million, with state appropriations accounting for 44 percent of the total and other sources funding the remaining 56 percent. Phase One (short-term) projects are estimated to cost \$317.1 million, Phase Two (intermediate-term) \$207.2 million, and Phase Three (long-term) \$125.6 million. The University also anticipates an additional \$15 million to complete academic building upgrades over the first two phases of the master plan.

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