

Agenda Item: I.E.

DATE: July 25, 2013

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Austin Peay State University Master Plan

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Approval

The 2013 Austin Peay State University (APSU) Master Plan will be presented by Carl Manka, Senior Director, Facilities Development, Research and Planning at the Tennessee Board of Regents. The APSU Master Plan provides a guide for expanding and renovating space at the main campus to support anticipated enrollment growth.

The APSU Master Plan uses the THEC Space Planning Guidelines to address the short, intermediate, and long-term needs of the campus with respect to improved and additional classroom space, student support facilities, parking, residence halls, and athletics and recreational space.

APSU estimates enrollment will grow by 2% annually. Excluding students who only take classes online, APSU enrolls 5,664 full-time students. Given the university's enrollment projections, this will increase to 7,623 students over the next 15 years. The THEC Space guidelines estimate that APSU is deficient in classroom, lab, office, and library space for its current student population. To redress these deficiencies, APSU recommends the construction of five or six new academic and mixed-use buildings. The university is currently building two new residence halls that will increase the number of available beds by almost 30%.

The Campus Plan identifies twenty-one projects that increase APSU's capacity for academic and student services and improve existing infrastructure. These projects include two new academic buildings and a student success complex, new housing, and expanded and upgraded athletics and recreational facilities. Most projects are slated to occur on property already owned by the university; however, APSU does cite the areas to the immediate east, south, and west of campus as targets for acquisition.

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