

Executive summary

The long-range plan presented herein is the result of a process that involved all segments of the college during the past two years. The college recognizes and is committed to periodically update the plan to keep abreast of changing conditions. This plan has integrated the projected growth of the college service area with the predicted internal growth of the college. The college intends for the plan to not only provide direction for future growth but also to assist in the on-going allocation of space. In brief, the plan consists of some new buildings, some additions to existing buildings and the remodeling of space due to the relocation of some units.

In 2003, over 90% of the instructional and non-instructional units submitted information detailing their predicted needs for additional space. This information was organized into three time periods: needs for FY 2002-'03, needs predicted for FY 2007-'08 and those predicted for FY 2012-'13. The units were asked to base their space needs on two assumptions: one, that the pattern of fund distribution in future years would be the same as it was for FY 2002-'03 and two, that enrollment over the next ten years would not exceed the level reached in FY 2002-'03. The submitted information includes space needs predicted for the main campus as well as the off-campus sites.

The total space predicted to be needed in FY 2012-'13 is 471,580 square feet. Assuming funds are available and that growth will be accommodated in the already established low density, suburban style of campus, all of the reasonable building sites within the area bounded by the parking lots and 'outdoor classrooms' will have buildings on them within the next ten years and there will be no room for further growth.

How the campus grows in the next ten years will be strongly affected by how it is to grow after the next ten years. There are three options: (1) find additional space to grow within the present property lines, (2) change from a low density, sub-urban style to a high density urban style of campus and (3) obtain more property to the east of Schaefer Drive. The first option is the least expensive and most reasonable of the three and that is the option utilized by this long range-planning scenario.

The ponds and grass fields north of the building core area occupy considerably more land than is utilized by P.E. and athletics. The core building area and parking could expand by making more efficient use of the grass fields and filling one of the water storage ponds. The additional building sites gained by this action should satisfy the growth of the college well beyond the next ten years.

As some units move into new buildings other units will move into the vacated, remodeled spaces. The proposed relocation of units has been based upon maintaining or improving the existing 'neighborhoods' as well as there being sufficient space.

This plan is currently in the review/comment/adjust phase of development. The plan will be presented to the Board of Education for their input after completion of the current phase.