COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
RESOLUTION

Comprehensive Master Plan: A Flexible Framework

WHEREAS, Columbus State Community College serves Delaware, Franklin, Madison, and Union counties through its campuses in Columbus and Delaware County, its regional learning centers throughout Central Ohio, and extensive outreach through online learning and academic partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the College began its comprehensive master planning process in August 2011 to coincide with planning initiatives by neighboring institutions and public entities that impact roadways, streetscapes, campuses, and neighborhoods on or near the Columbus and Delaware campuses; and

WHEREAS, the College owns sufficient land in Columbus and in Delaware County to support substantial student and programmatic growth, rendering new land purchases unnecessary to fulfill this Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the College will continue to expand its reach throughout Central Ohio through partnership-driven regional learning centers, expanded access to technology-enhanced learning, and collaborative relationships with K-12 districts, colleges and universities, libraries, and other partners; and

WHEREAS, the College’s planning process, designed to be inclusive and engaging, included more than 100 sessions during the data-gathering and option-review phases of the planning process, involving input from more than 500 internal and external stakeholders through focus groups, college forums, briefings, group presentations, and one-on-one conversations during both the data-gathering and option-review stages of the planning process; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that phasing of projects contained in this plan will be determined based on academic need, resource availability, partnership potential, community and regional priorities, and other factors, and, as appropriate, will be done in coordination with other regional planning initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the planning process yielded the following guiding principles on which the comprehensive master plan was developed and by which its implementation will be guided to align with the College’s strategic goals of student success, workforce development, and civic engagement:

Guiding principles

- Enhance the Learning Environment. Student success principles and academic program needs will guide facility decisions. Formal and informal spaces that inspire student learning, enhance the visibility of academic programs, and expand the availability of modern classrooms and other teaching and learning spaces will be priorities.

- Enrich Student Life. The College will provide welcoming, safe, and comfortable spaces that meet the diverse needs of students and evoke a strong sense of place. Spaces will be designed to make it convenient for students and prospective students to navigate administrative and academic support processes. Purpose-built spaces for co-curricular activities, food service, recreation, housing, and other services will enhance student success. Space design also will take into account student needs that exist across the broad range of student ages, cultures and lifestyles, physical abilities, and working schedules, which defines the Columbus State student community.
• Develop Strategic Partnerships. Connectivity and active partnerships within the College and between the College and its neighbors, cities, and other governmental entities, school districts, universities and colleges, and others are essential. The College will seek like-minded partners to advance student success and workforce outcomes, share resources, pursue regional priorities in a collaborative manner, and maximize impact.

• Use Resources Responsibly. Environmental stewardship will guide design and priority decisions. Bikeways, bike corrals, and public transit will be integral means of access. Design principles will include compact and walkable campus environments and energy efficient and sustainable solutions for college facilities and grounds. Structured parking is preferred over surface parking to maximize green space. New construction and renovations will be completed in an environmentally and financially sustainable manner.

• Design for the Future. The College will recognize the impact emerging technologies will have on building and facility needs, including classrooms and other learning environments, common spaces, and parking. The College will make efficient use of existing facilities and capital investments before undertaking building expansion. The College will design flexible spaces to accommodate expected and unexpected needs.

• Preserve Unique Character. Design principles shall be applied consistent with the unique character of Columbus State's two campuses: the Columbus Campus, located in an urban environment, and the Delaware Campus, located in a natural setting accessible via a major thoroughfare. The College will be responsible neighbors in the civic and community structure of these two unique campuses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees accepts the Columbus State Community College Master Plan prepared by consultants NBBJ, LLC, in close collaboration with the President, and that its adoption signifies the importance of the plan as guidance for the College to align its physical assets to its core focus of student success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the President will finalize the comprehensive plan, incorporating the assumptions and principles authorized by the Board of Trustees, and use the approved Master Plan to inform the six-year capital plan due to the State of Ohio each biennium, during which a State capital improvements budget is prepared for consideration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, spending authority of College funds for priority construction or renovation projects pursuant to the Master Plan shall be presented by the President to the Board of Trustees as decisions separate and apart from the Board’s approval of the Master Plan and that future facility investments brought forward by the President to the Board of Trustees will be considered in the context of the priorities and principles outlined in this plan.

Adopted by the Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees on July 18, 2013:

Richard D. Rosen, Chairperson

Michael E. Flowers, Vice Chairperson