

Campus Master Planning Committee Representative Report
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I'm reporting to you as the University Senate representative on the Campus Master Planning Committee. The committee is responsible for planning and overseeing the physical transformation of the campus. A status report on campus building projects was presented at the recent Board of Regents meeting. The entire report can be found on pp. 39-40 of the agenda (44-45 of the .pdf document itself).

http://www.wku.edu/BOR_1_21_11.pdf

Here are some highlights of the building projects report:

- Gary A. Ransdell Hall/College of Education and Psychology is pretty much done, faculty are mostly moved in
- Carroll Knicely Center renovation is expected to be completed in early 2011
- An energy savings project meant to reduce energy use in campus buildings is 84% complete, and will be completed in spring 2011
- Foundation work on Music Hall next to FAC is underway, with building estimated to be complete at the very end of 2011
- DUC renovation is expected to begin in February 2011, pending SGA approval of student fee to fund project's bonds
- Several other projects are planned but unfunded or awaiting further approvals, and thus have no firm timetable for completion. They include new phases of the Science Campus renovation (esp. Thompson North building replacement) and the creation of a Community Bikeway linking the downtown to Campus and to other parts of Bowling Green.

The Campus Master Plan committee also presented its 2010-2022 Campus Master Plan to the Board at its recent meeting. The plan identifies projected new construction and renovation projects associated with campus growth and expansion in the next decade on the main and extended campuses. Notable future projects may include the construction of a new College of Business and several buildings on the Owensboro campus, as well as the ongoing construction in and around "Block 12" on the north end of campus (a parking garage, student housing, a campus police station, a book store annex, an alumni center, and possibly a hotel, as well as the Greek housing). Given the tenuous nature of budgets and finances, the long-term Campus Master Plan is more a "wish list" than a firm timetable.

Feel free to email me with any questions or comments.

Best, Eric Reed
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