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## Report 16.12/6 Fiscal Year 2017 Master Plan Update

*Campus Master Plans* for Macomb and the Quad Cities guide the future physical development of Western Illinois University campuses. These *Plans* support facilities and infrastructure goals and priorities identified in the University's *Higher Values in Higher Education* strategic plan. This *Update*, the twelfth in an annual series, identifies *Master Plan* accomplishments and actions in progress on the two campuses of Western Illinois University.

### **Western Illinois University-Macomb**

The *Campus Master Plan 2012-2032: Enhancing the Student Experience* represents a 20-year vision for facilities, grounds, and infrastructure. This *Plan* updates the *2007 Macomb Campus Master Plan*. It emphasizes realistic, yet visionary solutions to reach the University's priorities and goals by building upon five guiding principles.

#### Guiding Principles and Accomplishments

*Enlivening The Academic Environment* establishes new learning facilities, re-configures existing buildings, and enhances technology to support the University's values of academic excellence and educational opportunity. This year's accomplishments include:

1. Completing Phase II expansion for the School of Agriculture's Greenhouse. Opened in fall 2016, the additional greenhouse bay supports faculty and student research in plant and light interactions.
2. Enhancing instructional technology by completing e-classroom updates in Stipes 331.
3. Joining the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements. Institutional membership required evidence of the University meeting or exceeding best practices in distance education. This includes technological planning and resource allocation, as specified in the *Interregional Guidelines for the Evaluation of Distance Education Programs*.
4. Earning "Best Online Program" status by *U.S. News and World Report*, and "Best Online RN to BSN Degree Program" recognition by *College Choice*.
5. Receiving ten-year reaffirmation of accreditation for the School of Nursing from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). CCNE's *Standards for Accreditation* include demonstration that "institutional physical resources (facilities) are sufficient to enable the program to fulfill its mission, goals, and expected outcomes."
6. Being named the second best physics program for institutions where the master's degree is the highest degree conferred in physics by the American Institute of Physics.

7. Leasing land on the south side of Q-Lot to SBA Communications Corporation for construction of a 150 ft. monopole tower to improve cellular coverage on campus and throughout the region.

*Enhancing The Student Experience* supports renovation to athletic, dining, housing, and recreational facilities to support personal growth and social responsibility. This year's accomplishments include:

1. Replacing lower level and refurbishing upper north seating in Western Hall.
2. Installing two new video boards at Western Hall for live feed and advertising during basketball games.
3. Completing construction on a new Track & Field/Cross Country Team room in Western Hall.
4. Updating track lines and markers at Hanson field to meet NCAA regulations.
5. Establishing new Living-Learning Communities in Henninger (Community of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Bio Life, and Women in Science), Bayliss (Fine Arts), Tanner (Fine Arts), and Thompson (Honors and Transfer floor) Halls.
6. Replacing three existing kitchen exhaust fans original to the University Union.
7. Fundraising for a new clubhouse twice the size of the current facility built in 1972 at the Harry Mussatto Golf Course. The fundraising campaign has raised over \$450,000 towards its \$630,000 goal.

*Strengthening Campus Identity* focuses on enhancements to iconic facilities, pronounced entry to Western Illinois University, and proud display of the University's identity. This year's accomplishments include:

1. Installing new Historical Markers at Lake Ruth, Sherman Hall, and Wetzel Plaza. Additional plaques are being planned for the former Grote Hall, Alumni House, and Simpkins Hall.
2. Continuing the tradition of painting the paws in advance of Homecoming.
3. Adding six new Rocky on Parade statues.
4. Initiating fundraising to establish the Mascot Memorial. This new plaza will honor the University's English bulldog mascot, Colonel Rock. The new space will include a memorial wall featuring the University's past bulldog mascots, and a keystone statue honoring all of Western's live mascots, both past and present.
5. Repairing North Quad Drive in areas between University Drive and Charles Street.

*Engaging the Strategic Plan* supports priorities related to campus safety, health and wellness, accessibility, sustainability, community engagement, and economic development. This year's accomplishments include:

1. Involving 2,042 participants in 30 educational opportunities provided by the Office of Public Safety during Campus Safety Awareness Month in September.
2. Installing new fencing at the Infant and Preschool, resulting from a donation from the Sigma Pi fraternity.
3. Meeting accessibility standards with new replacement seating in Western Hall.
4. Adding ADA door operators in Currens, Lincoln, Mowbray, and Thompson, Halls.
5. Encouraging community engagement by creating a Pokemon Go map for campus, and hosting the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Welcome Back Community University Partnership Program Party on the front lawn of Sherman Hall. The Party included a table fair featuring local businesses.
6. Supporting Macomb as an arts community with a family creating a Rocky on Parade Scavenger Hunt. This was a precursor to Rocky Quest—a photo contest for all 35 Rockys located in Macomb to support the Rocky on Parade Scholarship Fund.
7. Collaborating with the city of Macomb to install 10 large-scale public art sculptures in downtown.
8. Exercising local, state, and national leadership in sustainability. The University is an Energy Star Partner, a member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, and collaborates with the United States Green Building Council. Accomplishments resulting from these partnerships include:
  - a. Designing the Center for Performing Arts as a Silver Certified Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) facility.
  - b. Seeking Gold LEED certification for the Quad Cities Complex when state construction funding is released.
  - c. Planting 14 new trees and removing 24. Trees removed were due disease, storm damage, and for proactive Emerald Ash Borer readiness.
  - d. Ranking 4<sup>th</sup> out of 84 institutions nationally in Recycle Mania's "Most Improved" category. Western's recycling rate rose 51.0%, from 13.9 in 2015 to 21.0 in 2016.
  - e. Earning Tree Campus USA designation by the Arbor Day Foundation for the fourth consecutive year. The University supports its tree advisory committee, follows a campus tree care plan, dedicates annual expenditures toward trees, hosts an Arbor Day observance, and sponsors student service-learning projects.

In addition to these university activities, construction continued on the \$35 million state investment for the Macomb Bypass. The Bypass will take motorists around the west side of Macomb in a new six-mile, two-lane highway that links U.S. Route 67 and Illinois Route 336/110.

*Developing Visionary, Yet Implementable Strategies* emphasizes large-scale projects discussed in this *Update*, as well as smaller scale projects that enhance interactions between students, faculty, staff, and guests of the University. This year's accomplishments include:

1. Supporting fall 2016 We Care activities. Students, faculty, and staff engaged in planting, mulching and campus cleanup in advance of Homecoming.
2. Leading tree plantings with elementary schools in western Illinois. Agriculture Instructor Paul Blome and urban forestry management students participate in this institutional tradition annually. WIU Forestry Professor Tom Green started it in 1993.
3. Continuing to plant two trees in the Memorial Tree Grove to honor WIU employees and students who have passed away.
4. Attending the ribbon cutting for Campus Students for Christ 6,000-square-foot expansion. The new space adds classroom and conference space, an auditorium, offices and additional restrooms to the organization's Riverview Drive facility. The existing building, a former sorority house, includes apartments for 40 students.

#### Master Plan Actions in Process

A sampling of *Master Plan* actions currently in progress that will continue in to the next fiscal year includes the items listed below. These actions are complementary to additional Facilities Management priorities and goals discussed in *Western Illinois University Board of Trustees Report Number 16.12/5 Facility Assessment Report*.

1. Initiating Center for Performing Arts rebidding and construction as a silver Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design facility when state capital funding is released.
2. Planning for the summer 2017 decommissioning of Higgins Hall and East Village.
3. Advocating for new state capital funding. The Western Illinois University Board of Trustees *Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriated Capital Recommendations* to the Illinois Board of Higher Education include requested funding for a new Science Building, renovation of Tillman Hall, a new Education Building, and Stipes Hall renovation.
4. Requesting \$14.4 million in capital renewal funds for critical maintenance needs.

#### Summary

The current *Master Plan* has been in effect for five years. It continues to enhance the learning environment through the projects discussed above. From a construction perspective, there have been many achievements (listed below).

Table 1  
Completed Construction Projects and Selected Renovation Projects

2016

- Opening the second phase of the Greenhouse
- Updating one electronic classroom
- Leasing land for a new cellular tower
- Installing new seating in Western Hall
- Completing construction on a new Track & Field/Cross Country Team room in Western Hall
- Preparing for decommissioning of Higgins Hall and East Village
- Adding six additional Rocky on Parade statues

2015

- Purchasing and removing four houses to protect the integrity of the formal entry to Western Illinois University
- Removing the University Cinema Building
- Updating 21 classrooms and 29 electronic classrooms
- Completing Phase II of the Alumni Legacy Project
- Remodeling Tanner Hall Lobby

2014

- Constructing Memorial Hall replacement parking
- Opening the Agriculture Greenhouse and New Residence at Horn Field Campus
- Updating 15 classrooms and 17 electronic classrooms
- Renovating the University Union and Thompson Hall Lobby

2013

- Completing the Grand Entry to Western Illinois University
- Updating 22 classrooms and five electronic classrooms
- Installing a video board at Hanson Field
- Finishing Steam line upgrades and Thompson Hall renovations

2012

- Completing Phase I of the Alumni Legacy Project
- Renovating Corbin, Olson, Lincoln, and Washington Halls
- Decommissioning properties at 300 W. University Drive
- Opening the Three Dimensional Art Center in the Heating Plant Annex
- Imploding Wetzel Hall and creating Wetzel Park

## Western Illinois University-Quad Cities

The Western Illinois University Board of Trustees approved a *Campus Master Plan* for the Quad Cities in 2006. The *Plan* focused on a three-phase development for the new Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus, recognizing that the University had outgrown its 60<sup>th</sup> Street facility. Riverfront Hall (Phase I) opened in January 2012, and the Quad Cities Complex (Phase II) opened in August 2014. The University has placed 60<sup>th</sup> Street on the Market, and it recently had a price reduction.

Annual *Master Plan* accomplishments for 2016 include:

1. Restriping the Complex C south parking lot, and re-surfacing the Riverfront Hall parking lot.
2. Unveiling a Rocky on Parade statute on the campus Quad.
3. Expanding the CAD classroom and creating an Innovation Laboratory as a result of a \$161,000 donation from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Foundation.
4. Receiving State of Iowa renewal for the Museum Studies Program to be housed at the Figge Art Museum in Davenport. This internationally renowned museum offers world-class collections and museum facilitates that cannot be cost effectively replicated on a college campus.
5. Providing the instructional and research space to support the University's first Ph.D. program (Environmental Science).
6. Earning recognition as a "Healthy Quad Cities Workplace." The program was developed in recognition of worksites in the Rock Island and Scott County area. Worksites that are recognized have chosen to implement evidenced-based best practices promoting physical activity, nutrition, tobacco cessation, and overall employee health.
7. Installing projection equipment, lighting, and display railings for the presentation of visual art due to a \$25,000 gift from the Harris Family Foundation.
8. Participating in Fall We Care planting, mulching, and campus cleanup activities, and hosting United Way Day of Caring volunteers who were engaged in similar activities.

### Master Plan Actions On Hold

Until the state removes the freeze on current capital funding, the following previously appropriated projects are on hold.

1. Seeking Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification for the Quad Cities Complex.
2. Planning for Phase III. Prior the freeze on state capital funding, a programming study for Phase III and selection of an architectural and engineering firm (Holabird and Root) was completed.

Current Master Plan and Other Related Riverfront Projects

The Western Illinois University Board of Trustees *Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Recommendations to the Illinois Board of Higher Education* include construction funding for phase III of the Quad Cities Campus. University growth accommodates institutional needs and supports community economic development.

For example, Western’s River Drive location is part of the Edgewater Neighborhood in Moline. The University’s growth and expansion continues to spur additional economic development in this neighborhood and in the downtown. Within the last year:

1. A second restaurant opened at the Mills.
2. Metrolink constructed a new ADA accessible River Drive Channel Cat port.
3. The Illinois Department of Transportation continues with track improvements for the restoration of train service between Moline and Chicago, with two round trips scheduled daily when service begins.
4. Private development initiated construction on a new hotel that is part of the new train station.

Summary and Next Steps

The *2006 Campus Master Plan* successfully guides Western Illinois University in the physical development of the Quad Cities Campus, as evidenced by the following accomplishments.

Table 2 Master Plan Accomplishments	
<u>2016</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Installing a Rocky on Parade Statue</li><li>• Expanding the CAD classroom and creating an Innovation Laboratory as a result of a \$161,000 donation from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Foundation</li><li>• Providing facilities to support the University’s first Ph.D. program (Environmental Science)</li><li>• Receiving State of Iowa approval for Museum Studies to remain located at the Figge Art Museum</li></ul>
<u>2015</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Installing AEDs in all campus buildings and thumb locks in all campus classrooms and conference rooms</li><li>• Creating a United States Flag Display in the Quad Cities Complex Atrium to mirror the International Flag Display in Riverfront Hall’s Goldfarb Atrium</li><li>• Redistributing furniture, fixtures, and equipment from 60<sup>th</sup> Street to Macomb and Central Management Services</li><li>• Placing 60<sup>th</sup> Street on the market</li><li>• Applying for renewal to keep Museum Studies located at the Figge Art Museum</li></ul>
<u>2014</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opening Phase II of the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus</li><li>• Completing the Phase III Programming Study</li><li>• Receiving design funding for Phase III</li><li>• Additionally, Phase I of The Mills (privately owned student apartments) opened</li></ul>

Table 2  
Master Plan Accomplishments  
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2013

- Beginning Riverfront Campus Phase II construction
- Initiating Riverfront Campus Phase III programming study
- Receiving State of Iowa approval for Museum Studies to remain located at the Figge Art Museum

2012

- Opening Phase I of the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus
- Relocating the School of Engineering from the Caxton Building to Riverfront Phase I

2010

- Initiating renovation on Riverfront Campus Phase I

2009

- Receiving state funding for renovating the former John Deere and Company Technical Center to create Riverfront Campus Phase I, and the design and construction funding for Phase II of Riverfront Campus
- Leasing the Caxton Building to house the School of Engineering

2008

- Receiving State of Iowa and Higher Learning Commission-North Central Association of Colleges and Schools approval to house Museum Studies at the Figge Art Museum in Davenport, Iowa

Documentation of *Macomb and Quad Cities Master Plan* successes will continue with the Fiscal Year 2018 Master Plan Update that will be presented to the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees in December 2017.