

Mansfield University

Campus Facilities Master Plan - COT Update

February 25, 2016

The Master Plan process which began in the Spring of 2014 is being concluded at this time, with an expected delivery of the final product at the end of March 2016.

This plan is a comprehensive evaluation of the current campus condition, programmatic needs, space utilization, housing, and campus population. The campus was involved in the evaluation process through focus groups of all of the campus constituents.

The Guiding Principles are as follows:

- *Be Fiscally Responsible*
 - *Support the vision of Mansfield University*
 - *Optimize use of existing spaces*
 - *Encourage recruitment and retention*
 - *Encourage collaboration across campus*
 - *Respect and celebrate the history of Mansfield University*
 - *Promote a pedestrian friendly campus and engage the community*
- **The final draft plan was presented to the Mansfield University Cabinet on January 19, 2016.**
 - **Presentation to the Mansfield University Council of Trustees was conducted on January 27, 2016.**

At this time the contractor (Stantec) is performing final cost calculations, final plan implementation strategies, and the creation of an iBook presentation for the university. A brief informational video is also being prepared by the University marketing department to be included in the iBook Presentation.

The final product is expected to be available at the end of March 2016.

For any additional questions or comments contact Jim Welch, Interim Facilities Director at jwelch@mansfield.edu or 570-662-4913

The final draft document can be accessed at this website –

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/49aydagqcn2hy19/AADRG9tnkgjactfNH7Ysxy3da?dl=0>

Comments received on the master plan from cabinet or the COT - as of 2/22/2016

- *The Master Plan looks quite exciting and appears to provide for effective use of the space.*
- *I am very excited for the Master Plan, particularly for the new dining facility, green space, updated academic areas (examples were in Retan and Butler), and entrance to campus.*
- *I think these changes will impact students the most and attract potential students to Mansfield.*
- *I like the demolition of Elliott to be coupled with a much more welcoming and attractive entrance to campus.*