

RECOMMENDATION #9: PHYSICAL MASTER PLANS

The college must develop physical master plans, with the appropriate financial plans, for each state campus to ensure facilities equity with the national campus, and allow the state campuses to provide instructional and student services that are consistent the strategic and educational master plans of the college. (Standards IIIB, IIIB.1, IIIB.1a, IIIB.1.b, III2, III.2.a, III.2.b)

Resolution

Recommendation #9 relating to development of the College Physical Master Plan, the college has completed updating maps of all sites (except for FSM-FMI) and have received funding for projects for from 2005 to 2011 consisting of all sites.

Analysis

In early 2005 the college developed its first long range infrastructure development plan to support the increasing enrollment and to address concerns raised by the commission in reference to equity of services at all sites. The 20-year infrastructure plan was estimated to cost approximately \$26 million primarily to support the increasing enrollment from school year 1998-1999 having 3,890 students and peaked in school year 2004-2005 with an enrollment of 6,479. Because of the absence of an educational master plan, the college assumed that the current program being delivered will either maintain or expand throughout the state campuses. These background information along with the commission's recommendation to improve facilities at all sites resulted in the enactment of the resolution signed by the FSM Economic Policy Implementation Council (EPIC) in March 2005 to provide funding support for the college's infrastructure needs.

Since school year 2005-2006, enrollment trends show a decline to 4460 students by school year 2007-2008. This trend along with funding limitation from the FSM National Government to support the college operations have lead the college to review and re-evaluate its plans and practices beginning at the 2007 and 2008 president's retreat. Following the retreat, recommendations to restructure the college, streamline operations and delivery of programs and services throughout the college was considered and being deliberated at the committee levels within the college. This process is still taking place.

After the streamlining has been completed, the college will be able to evaluate its capital improvement project budget plan which serves as its current physical master plan. This plan is reviewed annually during the annual budget review cycle to ensure its consistency with the college's strategic plans and goals as well as addressing current issues and challenges as they arise. Funding for the projects listed in the CIP budget plan for year 2005 to 2010 have either been approved or pre-approved for construction and design as released by US Department of Interior on November 13, 2009.