

# STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

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**TOPIC:** Otero College Facilities Master Plan Approval

**PRESENTED BY:** Dr. Kimberly Zant, President

**RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:**

- Enhance the student experience.
  - Maintain and Update Facilities to Align with Student Needs.
- Transform our workplace.

**EXPLANATION:**

In fall 2023, Otero College (Otero) began the process of developing a new Facilities Master Plan (FMP). Otero's last full Facilities Master Plan was created in 2017. The plan utilizes the guidelines for master plans established by the Colorado Department of Higher Education and the Colorado Community College System. The development of the plan was a collaborative effort with participation and input from the college's leadership, students, faculty, staff and other interested parties from the public and private sector. The team used an interactive process of workshops and meetings to focus on Otero's mission and vision for the future. In addition to assessment of the respective campus programs and enrollments, the plan reviewed all individual buildings' space inventory and the existing physical conditions of aging buildings. Most of Otero's buildings are over 50 years old, some dating back to as early as 1941.

The FMP identifies the following priorities:

- Phase I build a new Welding Shop Building, Remodel and Expansion of McBride Hall and Student Services.
  - Addresses Prioritization and Survey Results for Program Priorities of Welding as Priority 1. Addresses Law Enforcement Academy, Nursing and Larger Classrooms as Priority 2.
- Phase II Remodel of Cosmetology and Construction Program classrooms and labs located in McDivitt Hall. New Locker Room Facilities and Office additions to McDivitt Gym and Regulation Size Soccer Field to include Announcer Booth, Restroom Building and Fencing and Retaining Walls.
  - Addresses Prioritization and Survey Results for Program Priorities of Construction, Cosmetology, Law Enforcement Academy and Nursing Programs as Priority 2, 5 and 6.

- Phase III Wunsch Hall Dorm Replacement, this will be a non-state funded project. Humanities Center and Theater upgrades as well as Life Sciences and Wheeler Hall upgrades.
  - Addresses Prioritization and Survey Results for Auxiliary Priorities of Wunsch Hall Dorm Replacement as Priority 1 and Controlled Maintenance Priorities of Humanities and Wheeler Hall as Priority 1 and 2.
- Phase IV MacDonald Hall Remodel and Upgrades.
  - Addresses Prioritization and Survey Results for Controlled Maintenance Priorities of MacDonald Hall Remodel as Priority 3.
- Phase V Repurpose Tennis Courts.
  - Addresses Prioritization and Survey Results for Program Priorities of Repurposing Tennis Courts as Priority 10.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board approve the Otero facilities master plan as electronically attached and allow Otero to forward the plan on to the Department of Higher Education.

Link to full plan: [OC Master Plan](#)

*Also included in OnBoard as supplemental material for this agenda item.*