



Plan Overview Facilities Master Plan

Date of approval: February 2008

Approving individual or group: Board of Trustees

Responsible administrator: Vice President for Administrative Services

Implementation timeframe: Per the Wyoming Community College Commission, the Facilities Master Plan is to be updated at least every five years. The implementation of the Facilities Master Plan started almost immediately after approval in early 2008 with the approval to start the process for issuing lease revenue bonds to finance the expansion of Simpson Hall. The expansion was the number one priority on the Facility Master Plan implementation list. In mid-2009 design work was begun on four other projects which were addressed in the implementation section of the Facility Master Plan. These projects are an expansion of the Hinckley Library (#4), expansion of the Equine Center (#5), renovation of space in the Nelson Performing Arts Building (#10), and renovation of the south entrance of the Orendorff Building (#12).

Assessment schedule: Assessment of the Facility Master Plan is scheduled for 2010-2011

Projected timeframe for implementation of subsequent plan: February 2013 (The College is required by state statute to update its Facilities Master Plan every five years.)

Plan overview: Over the years Northwest College has expanded without a facilities plan in place. Buildings and parking lots have been designed and placed where expedient. Programs have evolved and located generally where space was available. Northwest College made the decision to develop a comprehensive Facilities Master Plan to guide the institution for the foreseeable future.

The architecture/engineering firm Gould Evans was retained to develop a Facilities Master Plan and create a “road map” for the College – a living document to act as a framework for future planning and decision making. This effort has included evaluating existing facilities and programs, creating a front door for the campus, strengthening campus identity, analyzing overall campus organization and physical layout, creating design guidelines, and developing an implementation plan for potential projects.

Summary of ways the plan supports the Northwest College mission: In its mission statement, Northwest College states that it has an “exceptional, dynamic living and learning environment.” All the projects completed or planned so far have either improved the living or the learning environment. As examples, the expansion of Simpson Hall added 76 new suite-style rooms—which are vastly preferred by students over the older style residence hall rooms—and the expansion of the Hinckley Library added a new computer lab for teaching and increased the number of computers and space available for students.