

2005 master plan calls for future campus expansion

Imagine several years into the future; you are a pedestrian entering the east side of Boise State's campus at the corner of Broadway Avenue and University Drive.

A familiar landmark, Bronco Stadium, looms to the right. But as you stroll down University Drive you are no longer on the city street that for decades served as the physical and symbolic boundary between Boise State and the businesses and neighborhoods to the south.

Now you are on a tree-lined walkway in the middle of campus; on your left is the university's state-of-the-art science and engineering research complex. A similar gateway welcomes those who enter the west end of campus where Capitol Boulevard intersects with University Drive. Like the east gateway, University Drive is no longer a border street but a scenic and pedestrian-friendly passageway into the

heart of campus.

The University Drive entryways are just two examples of the significant changes listed in Boise State's 2005 Campus Master Plan, which was approved by the State Board of Education in October. The blueprint

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for the future is part of the university's vision and strategic direction to transform itself into a metropolitan research university of distinction.

The document is the work of the university's Master Plan Committee and the Portland-based Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership. The document provides a campus framework analysis and a plan that summarizes facility improvements through 2015 and beyond. It can be viewed online at <http://finad.boisestate.edu/pplant/masterplan.html>. Many vari-

ables exist in the implementation of the future course, but the Campus Master Plan serves as a fundamental cornerstone. (Yellow buildings in the artist's rendering below represent future projects.)

The Master Plan accounts for Boise State's expansion of graduate programming to meet the needs of a more sophisticated work force in the Treasure Valley, says President Bob Kustra. It is designed to focus on "increasing residential living and learning and an increased emphasis on faculty who come here to teach and do research and need facilities to do that," he adds.

Kustra says the blueprint builds on the existing institutional values and core beliefs and creates opportunities for students and their future, developing partnerships, prioritizing academic programs, building research potential, and defining Boise State's identity.

How will Boise State pay for all this?

"The campus master plan is a 10-15 year time frame. This is not going to be done overnight," Kustra told *The Idaho Statesman*. "Some buildings like parking garages you pay for by fees you collect. ... We are doing major gift and donor solicitations like we've never done before. We are getting ready for the comprehensive campaign. When the day comes, we will expect to find donors who will build some of these buildings."

— Bob Evancho



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