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“California State University, San Bernardino: 20,000 FTE Master Plan”

Transcript

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Speaker 1

Cal State, San Bernardino has been serving San Bernardino and Riverside County since 1965 when it opened to a class of 293 students meeting in three initial buildings. The current campus skyline began to take shape with the 1971 opening of the five-story library classroom building, which continues to be the tallest structure on campus. Its location at the center of the university grounds has given rise to much of the planning philosophy for other facilities since that time.

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Speaker 1

Over the next two decades, the campus would add a children's center, performing arts recital hall, student union, and various classroom buildings to enhance campus life, which included the addition of intercollegiate athletics in 1983. In the last ten years alone, the university has expanded by an average of one building per year, more than doubling the space available for academic programs and community activities. Driven by enrollment growth,

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Speaker 1

The building program addressed the doubling of FTE from 4900 in the mid-eighties to more than 10,000 last year. At the same time, the university's fundraising efforts were attracting many contributions to enhance the new facilities, many of which were named for their benefactors. As the university continues to build upon and expand its base of community support, it has developed a master plan for its physical facilities that will accommodate growth from the nearly 11,000 full time equivalent students on campus now, to 20,000 FTE. Marrying the 20,000 FTE master plan with the academic plan has involved careful thought and consultation.

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Speaker 1

The university will concentrate on expanding its teacher education programs, particularly at the credential level, and augmenting the health sciences. Undergraduate programs in engineering, - civil, electrical and mechanical - all are contained in the plan. Meanwhile, the university will continue to diversify its mix of students and the kinds of college experiences available by expanding on-campus housing from 400 to 1200 beds.

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Speaker 1

Among the key planning objectives is the desire to keep the campus an attractive and inviting place to be. The university already has won awards for its building designs executed within available budgets. The campus is committed to maintaining a park-like setting that promotes social interaction and provides a welcoming environment, including benches, trees and landscaping. In addition to the preservation of open spaces and natural habitat, the university is dedicated to maintaining the library as the center of the campus, accentuating the academic core and mission of the university.

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Speaker 1

Other planning objectives include relegating parking and support facilities to the outer perimeter of the campus and coordinating separate pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular traffic pathways. Easy access to buildings, including elevators, ramps and electric doors, also is predominant in the 20,000 FTE master plan. The major features of the plan include five new academic buildings, including one for the School of Education and a School of Engineering.

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Speaker 1

Additions to the University Library, Creative Arts, Biological Sciences and Business buildings all are incorporated. Three obsolete initial buildings would be replaced by a new Distance Learning Center, Administration complex, and Social Sciences addition. Expansion of physical education and sports facilities to include baseball and running track grandstands and the establishment of up to a 15,000 seat arena round out the 20,000 FTE master plan. To gauge the effects of planned expansions on campus,

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Speaker 1

The University undertook an environmental impact study and opened the report to public hearings, which were well advertised. A few concerns from three public agencies were identified, including noise, light and traffic from an originally proposed outdoor amphitheater, as well as traffic congestion on the roads leading to the university. Issues surrounding solid waste disposal and the development of Badger Hill, a local landmark, also were noted.

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Speaker 1

The university has addressed the concerns about lights and noise by adopting plans for an indoor arena instead of an amphitheater. The arena is expected to be one of the last projects to be built. A noise hotline recommended by the city is embraced by the university too. Careful planning for and control of traffic will mitigate congestion around the arena and the campus in general.

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Speaker 1

Traffic on arteries can be addressed by restriping, adding lanes and signals. The university will work closely with the city of San Bernardino and other agencies to plan these accommodations as they are needed and seek funding. The university already has implemented a solid waste reduction and recycling program in cooperation with the City of San Bernardino, which satisfies regulations governing institutional waste generated by the university.

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Speaker 1

Badger Hill has been designated in the master plan as a natural preserve and will be used for academic studies in biology, geology and other fields. University planners believe that the 20,000 FTE master plan has positive educational and cultural impact upon the region overall, with projections that the San Bernardino Riverside County Service area population will jump 26.8% in this decade alone.

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Speaker 1

Cal State San Bernardino's plans to expand are in step with a CSU mandate to serve community college transfers and the top one third of high school graduates. Cal State already draws its enrollment from the first and third largest counties in the country. That means its service area is bigger than ten states in the nation, about the size of Maine.

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Speaker 1

The service area's population base and economy also are larger than that of nearly 20 states. The region simply is burgeoning with opportunity, which means that Cal State San Bernardino can only continue to grow in importance as a resource for the economic and cultural well-being of inland southern California.