





MASTER PLAN 1999 ISSUES

It is the intent of this Master Plan Update to examine, as appropriate, the planning issues that were the basis of the 1999 plan. These issues, which were the foundation of the prior plan, were developed from an inventory of the site, an evaluation of the facilities, and the exploration process with the Long Range Planning Committee. Seven focus areas were identified. Detail of these issues can be found in the 1999 Master Plan and on line at: <http://dept.lamar.edu/advancement/masterplan/>

1. Space Utilization Needs
2. Identity and Image
3. Architectural Development
4. Open-Space and Landscape Development
5. Utilities Development
6. Vehicular Circulation and Parking
7. Pedestrian Circulation

The planning issues which are the basis for the Master Plan Update were formulated from two sources. The following list of specific issues were drafted by the Long Range Planning Committee.

Academic

- General Purpose Academic and Office Space
- Location of Graduate Studies
- Location of Honors Program
- Maes Building
- Location of Gulf Coast Research Centers

- Location of Distance Learning Facility
- McFaddin Ward (Health) Building
- Location of Developmental Studies
- Location of General Studies Center
- Location of International Admissions and International Studies
- Location of Admissions/Academic Services
- Other Issues

Non-Academic

- John Gray Center and Guest House
- Location of Human Resources
- Location of University Advancement
- Parking
- Location of Physical Plant
- Additional Space for Financial Aid
- Wimberly
- Space for Services for Student with Disabilities
- Other Issues

Student Services

- Computer Lounge and Freshman Info Center
- McDonald Gym Center-Recreation Sports Facility
- Student Housing – Phase 4 and 5
- Recreation Sports Fields (Intramurals)
- Brooks Shivers Hall
- Jogging Track
- Greek Housing
- Cafeteria
- Setzer Center
- Relocation of Career/Testing Center





- Other Issues

Athletic

- Baseball Field
- Golf Driving Range
- Football
- Softball
- Soccer
- Athletic Complex
- Other Issues

Other Issues

- Add Property East of Rolfe Christopher Street to Master Plan
- Use of Episcopal Center
- Use of Existing Cafeteria and Fitness Center (if vacated)

The remaining issues are those originating in the 1999 Master Plan that are either unresolved or have been identified as issues through the data collection phase which included planning committee meetings, interviews with the University administration committee heads, and selected faculty and staff, and tours of selected campus facilities. These included the following:

Identity and Image

- Identify and strengthen main campus entry
- Strengthen visitor reception and orientation.

Vehicle Circulation and Parking

- Entry and access to campus
- Parking shortages in some areas of campus
- Parking and traffic congestion in center of campus
- Non-campus related traffic

- Improve appearance of parking and streets

Pedestrian Circulation

- Reduce pedestrian/vehicular conflicts
- Improve ease, safety and accessibility of pedestrian routes
- Improve appearance of pedestrian routes
- Block non-university pedestrian traffic

Open Space and Landscape Development

- Improve ambience and comfort of plazas and courtyards
- Provide more open green space on campus
- Screen undesirable neighbors

