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UNDERSTANDING THAT ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE RELIES in part on superior facilities, Baylor will construct a world-class science building that will host a full complement of natural science teaching, research and experimentation on campus. Our undergraduate and graduate programs in Museum Studies will find a permanent home in the Harry and Anna Jeanes Discovery Center. Baylor will design an Academic Success Center, located prominently on campus, which will house a program aimed at increasing both student retention and graduation rates by 10 percent by the year 2012. Further, Baylor will augment its Fine Arts Programs by completing Phase II of the Music Building Project and, secondly, improve Engineering and Computer Science facilities by providing upgraded space for laboratories.

PROGRESS SUMMARY

IMPERATIVE GOALS

1. Construct a world-class science building

The Baylor Sciences Building was opened in fall 2004. The building was nominated for *R&D Magazine’s* 2005 Laboratory of the Year Award.

2. Harry and Anna Jeanes Discovery Center

The Mayborn Museum Complex opened in May 2004, bringing together the resources of the Sue and Frank Mayborn Natural Science and Cultural History Museum Complex with the Harry and Anna Jeanes Discovery Center.

3. Paul L. Foster Success Center

The first floor and basement wings of the Sid Richardson Science Building were remodeled and reopened in fall 2007 to house the Paul L. Foster Success Center. The Department of Mathematics is now housed on the second and third floors.

4. Phase II of the Music Building Project

The next phase of the McCrary Music Building was included in the plans for a new Arts District and is no longer being considered as a stand-alone project.

5. Improve Engineering and Computer Science facilities

The Central Texas Technology and Research Park, which will house the Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative (BRIC), will provide graduate research space for the School of Engineering and Computer Science and for select Baylor interdisciplinary research centers and institutes. Phase 1 of the renovation of the former General Tire facility began in July 2010 and was completed in May 2012. Phase 2 of the renovation was approved by the Board of Regents in November 2011 and will be completed by December 2012.

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6. Other academic facilities

The School of Social Work moved into renovated offices in downtown Waco in December 2010, providing more academic space for faculty and students and strengthening Baylor’s commitment to the revitalization of downtown Waco. Planning is under way and construction will start in the next fiscal year for renovating the Marrs McLean Science Building to provide additional academic space for departments.

PROGRESS IN DEPTH

GOAL 1

Construct a world-class science building

The Baylor Sciences Building was opened in fall 2004. With more than 500,000 square feet of space, 33 classrooms, more than 160 faculty offices and more than 150 teaching and research labs, the building houses the Departments of Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Physics and Psychology/Neuroscience.

The building design exceeded by more than one-third the energy-saving requirements of the 2000 International Energy Conservation Code, which required a variety of approaches for an environmentally-responsible design.

GOAL 2

Harry and Anna Jeanes Discovery Center

The Mayborn Museum Complex was opened in May 2004, bringing together the resources of the Sue and Frank Mayborn Natural Science and Cultural History Museum Complex with the Harry and Anna Jeanes Discovery Center.

The building has 143,000 square feet and brought together three previously separate entities: the Strecker Museum, Ollie Mae Moen Discovery Center and the Gov. Bill and Vara Daniel Historic Village.

GOAL 3

Paul L. Foster Success Center

The first floor and basement wings of the Sid Richardson Science Building were remodeled to house the Paul L. Foster Success Center, which occupied the space in fall 2007.

The second and third floors of the building were refurbished and once again house the Department of Mathematics.

GOAL 4

Phase II of the Music Building Project

The next phase of the McCrary Music Building is no longer a stand-alone project. In 2010 the University developed a concept for a new Arts District. This donor-funded project will consist of a complex for theater arts, visual arts, music, film and digital media and an art museum.

GOAL 5

Improve Engineering and Computer Science Facilities

The School of Engineering and Computer Sciences has reorganized to add a third department for mechanical engineering and renovated offices to accommodate the additional faculty. Other spaces in the building have been repurposed for research and classroom use as required by additional faculty and expanded academic programs.

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GOAL 6

Other academic facilities

Morrison Hall

In fall 2002, Morrison Hall (known as Morrison Constitution Hall while it was home to the Baylor Law School) was rededicated after a year of renovations. The updated space houses the Departments of Classics and Philosophy, along with faculty from the Department of Modern Foreign Languages.

It also is home for the Institute for Faith and Learning, the Graduate School and the Honors College, including three Honors College components: the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core, University Scholars and Honors Program.

Libraries

The University Library facilities have been enriched through the creation of the Prichard Information Commons, a soft-seating area with computers for student use, and offices that have been added and remodeled. Computers in labs have been upgraded.

In summer 2008, approximately one-third of the current library study space was abated and updated with new finishes. The conversion of the Garden Level of the library into 24-hour study space was completed in fall 2009. Library stacks and private study carrels were removed, finishes were upgraded and new furniture was purchased to create a more collaborative study space.

In summer 2008, the Ray I. Riley Digitization Center was completed. Located on the Garden Level of Moody Memorial Library, the center includes renovated workspace and offices for staff who digitize and preserve rare manuscripts, books, maps and audio recordings. With the print and audio digitization functions of Baylor's Electronic Library in a single location, the process is more efficient and centralizes the University's digital preservation efforts.

Cashion Academic Center

A significant portion of the first floor of the Cashion Academic Center has been renovated to create three learning labs: the Southwest Securities Financial Market Center, the CNL Real Estate Learning Lab and the Curb Learning Lab for Music and Entertainment Marketing. These learning labs support the active learning mission of the Hankamer School of Business.

Simpson Athletics and Academic Center

As part of the Alwin O. and Dorothy Highers Athletics Complex, the state-of-the-art Simpson Athletics and Academic Center opened in fall 2008. The 96,300-square-foot facility is the first of its kind for Baylor. It houses – all under the same roof – innovative athletic training equipment, academic programs specifically designed to support all student-athletes and the staff members who serve them.

Marrs McLean Science Building

Programming and planning has been completed and the construction has been approved for the renovation of the Marrs McLean Science Building to provide additional academic space. This project is scheduled to be completed by the start of classes in fall 2013.

The School of Social Work

The School of Social Work was relocated to a space in downtown Waco in December 2010. The new space is approximately three times the size of the school's former home in Speight Avenue Plaza parking and office facility. The move improves the academic space for the School of Social Work and strengthens Baylor University's commitment toward the revitalization of downtown Waco.