

March 19, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents
FROM: David L. Buhler
SUBJECT: University of Utah - Health Sciences Center Campus Master Plan

Issue

The University of Utah has requested the opportunity to inform the Regents about the initiative that is underway to update the entire Health Sciences Center (HSC) portion of the campus master plan.

Background

As noted in the attached letter from the University, recent studies have confirmed the need to demolish and replace the aging School of Medicine Building that was built in 1965. Recognizing that replacement of this building will have a long-term impact on the Health Sciences sector of the campus, the University has initiated a planning process to establish an updated Health Sciences master plan with a new Medical Education and Discovery (MED) building as the core facility.

To this end, the University is collaborating with consulting and architectural firms to identify and evaluate potential sites; identify and propose mitigations for the challenges to be faced; and identify how to take advantage of collaboration and interaction among all Health Sciences community members. The attached letter from the University provides additional information about the progress to date. Representatives from the University will be present to provide additional information to the Board and respond to questions.

Commissioner's Recommendation

This is an information item; no action is required.

David L. Buhler
Commissioner of Higher Education

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Attachment



Office of the Vice President
for Administrative Services

February 27, 2014

Mr. David Buhler
Commissioner
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RE: University of Utah
Health Sciences Center - Campus Master Plan

David
Dear Mr. Buhler:

Several recent studies have confirmed that the School of Medicine building (SOM), located in the crowded center of the University of Utah Health Sciences campus, has reached the end of its useful life and must be demolished and replaced. Due to the significant and far-reaching impact this will have on the Health Sciences Center (HSC) campus, the University has seen it as an opportunity to examine and update the entire HSC campus master plan.

As noted in the consultant's report, "the HSC demands a 'heart' of campus that would be a clear center, a vibrant, lively, social and active core area. The placement and organization of the Medical Education and Discovery building (the MED), which will replace the SOM, offers an opportunity to address these elements, through its location, organization and other master plan enhancements."

The University hired MHTN Architects, working in collaboration with LBL (medical school subject experts from San Francisco), who engaged University Steering and Working Committees to build a planning foundation whose goals were to:

- Identify and evaluate potential sites for the MED and offer recommendation for the preferred site;
- Identify issues that exist on the campus as a result of its organic growth over time and propose mitigations or solutions within the master planning framework;

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- Identify and plan for key services, such as clinical units, presently in the building that require relocation in advance of demolition;
- Analyze and take advantage of the opportunities for the campus provided by the MED, especially in light of its role as a campus heart that fosters collaboration and interaction among all community members.

Michael G. Perez, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management, would appreciate a few minutes to inform the Finance and Facilities committee of the recent updates to the HSC campus master plan at the March 28th meeting.

Thanks, as always, for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



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Vice President

cc: David W. Pershing, President
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