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FSU PROFILE

FALL 2010

- 4,866 undergraduate and 604 graduate
- 18:1 student/faculty ratio
- 79% of classes have fewer than 30 students
- 80% of full-time faculty have doctorates or terminal degrees in their fields of study
- 89% of students are Maryland residents
- Total minority population (undergraduate): 28.9%; 23.2% African American
- Male/female ratio (undergraduate): 51.1% male/48.9% female
- Male/female ratio (graduate): 33.3% male/66.7% female

SUCCESS OF GRADUATES

- 93% employed full/part-time one year after graduation (FY 10)
- 94% of undergrads satisfied with education for work (FY 10)

Thank you for the opportunity to talk to you today about a critically important project for the future of Frostburg State University, the Center for Communications and Information Technology (CCIT), which is included in the Governor's capital budget for FSU.

The CCIT is an essential project for FSU because we have, on average, the oldest academic buildings in the University System of Maryland, according to Maryland Department of Budget and Management. Most of these facilities are between 30 and 50 years old, and were built to accommodate a student body half the size of what it is today. In addition, only three of these older academic buildings are still being used for their original purpose. Others have been adapted from such uses as administrative offices, a dining hall or library space. Some of these adaptations are less than ideal, especially since many existing buildings cannot accommodate the kind of technology required to prepare a competitive workforce.

Upgrading our facilities is a high priority of the FSU strategic plan. This fall, we posted the largest overall enrollment in Frostburg State University's 113-year history, 5,470 students. We anticipate that our student headcount will continue to increase. Much of this enrollment growth is in majors identified by the State as areas of workforce shortages.

Frostburg could accommodate a larger rate of enrollment growth if we could increase the pace of upgrading our academic and residential facilities to provide more classroom and residential space and bring

our current buildings to 21st-century standards. With your support of the Governor's capital budget, we can work toward achieving the Governor's goal of a 55 percent statewide college completion rate, which will create a more agile and educated workforce and sustain a vibrant knowledge economy.

We need to catch up. Our most recently opened buildings were the Compton Science Center in 2003 and the Performing Arts Center in 1993. Prior to that, other than renovations to existing buildings, we had not constructed a new academic facility on our campus for a third of a century.

The Governor's inclusion of \$10 million in the 2012 capital budget in an important step. We will be able to begin construction of our planned Center for Communications and Information Technology, which is needed to house the technology-intensive disciplines of computer science, mathematics, graphic design and mass communication – including a new television studio to serve that department. This facility will house academic computing labs and help-desk support, the Center for Information Technology as well as a new radio studio to host our National Public Radio affiliate, WFWM. These disciplines and departments currently operate in some of our oldest buildings, making it increasingly difficult to ensure these programs are relevant to the modern marketplace.

Of particular note is the inclusion of a new advanced multimedia facility, which will add significant teaching and regional outreach capability for the University.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Fall 2010: largest enrollment in FSU history
- \$15 million campaign goal achieved nearly six months early
- Successful efforts to reduce binge drinking receiving national attention
- AACSB re-accreditation for College of Business
- Online MBA noted a "best buy" by GetEducated.com
- FSU named to "Guide to 286 Green Colleges."

FSU'S BUILDINGS AT A GLANCE

- Over 90% of the buildings on the FSU campus were built before 1978.
- Only two academic facilities are newer than 25 years old: the Performing Arts Center (1993) and the Compton Science Center (2003).
- FSU's newest residence hall was built in 1976.

Academic Building	Year Constructed
● Old Main	1902
● Lowndes Hall	1950
● Pullen Hall	1959
● Gunter Hall	1960
● Framptom Hall	1965
● Dunkle Hall	1969
● Fine Arts	1969
● Ort Library	1976
● PE Center	1978
● Guild Center	1986
● Performing Arts Center	1993
● Compton Science Center	2003

This multimedia facility represents a critical piece of the University's vision for the sciences on campus and its mission as a cultural resource to the region.

Tawes Hall, located in the footprint of the CCIT, is slated to be torn down for this construction. It was built in 1967 as a science classroom facility; its functions were moved to the Compton Science Center when it opened in 2003. Initially, we proposed to renovate Tawes Hall into a technology facility, but this proposal proved to be problematic. Issues including asbestos, handicapped accessibility, lack of air conditioning, inadequate ventilation and low site utilization made the cost of the conversion prohibitive for the value it would have produced. In collaboration with DBM, this idea was eliminated as a result.

For CCIT, we received \$2.2 million in planning funds in FY2007 and an additional \$2.681 million in FY2011. The Governor's proposed capital budget for FY2012 includes \$1.104 million to complete the design and \$8.950 million to begin construction. Construction is to be completed in FY2014 with a total construction budget of \$52.9 million. In addition, equipment funding of \$5 million is also budgeted in FY2014.

The construction of CCIT is a priority project in the University's Master Plan.

The proposed location for the facility, in the center of campus, will help maintain the campus as a pedestrian environment for faculty and students. In addition to this academic facility's importance to the mission of the University, the economic impact of this project to our region cannot be overstated, given that the University is located in an area of high unemployment.

We have also submitted a planning document for a new Education and Health Sciences Building. At this point, the funding and support for this building, needed for another crucial piece on our workforce development role, have been delayed for perhaps a decade. This delay is simply unacceptable as we look ahead to the needs of our students and our state. The expedited planning and construction of this facility would help to address the University's concerns about the worsening condition of its facilities. The University's aging academic buildings are increasingly inadequate to support the important teaching, scholarship and learning occurring at the University.

We are indebted to everyone involved for recognizing the needs of Frostburg State University and its students. We are eager to continue moving forward with this project and ask for your support of the Governor's capital budget.



Artist's rendering of Center for Communications and Information Technology (CCIT)



The classrooms in Old Main, constructed in 1902, are still being utilized today.

Residence Halls

Academic Facilities

Student Facilities

Administrative Facilities

● Usage has changed from original function

FSU'S HISTORY OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND ENROLLMENT

Opened	Enrollment	Facility	Original Purpose	Current Usage
1902	57	● OLD MAIN	Administration & Academics	Academic Classrooms
1919		FROST HALL	Residence Hall	Same
1950		● LOWNDES HALL	Administration Building	Academic Classrooms
1955		● 20 BRADDOCK	Private Residence	Administrative Offices
1955		● FULLER HOUSE	Private Residence	Administrative Offices
1955		● UNIVERSITY POLICE	Elementary School	Campus Police
1957		ALLEN HALL	Residence Hall	Same
1959		● PULLEN HALL	Elementary School	Academic Computing Labs
1960		● GUNTER HALL	Dining Hall	Academic Classrooms
1962		DIEHL HALL	Residence Hall	Same
Fall 1964	1,598	GRAY HALL SIMPSON HALL	Residence Hall Residence Hall	Same Same
Fall 1965	1,599	BRADY HEALTH CENTER ● FRAMPTON HALL SOWERS HALL	Health Center Library Residence Hall	Same Academic Classrooms Same
Fall 1967	2,492	ANNAPOLIS HALL ● TAWES HALL	Residence Hall Academic Classrooms	Same to be demolished
Fall 1968	2,383	CUMBERLAND HALL	Residence Hall	Same
Fall 1969	2,258	DUNKLE HALL ● FINE ARTS	Academic Classrooms Music Department	Same Visual Arts Dept.
Fall 1971	2,594	FREDERICK HALL STANGLE	Residence Hall Physical Plant	Same Same
Fall 1972	2,948	WESTMINSTER HALL	Residence Hall	Same
Fall 1973	3,172	CHESAPEAKE DINING HALL LANE UNIVERSITY CENTER	Dining Hall Student Union	Same Same
Fall 1976	3,575	CAMBRIDGE HALL ORT LIBRARY	Residence Hall Library	Same Same
Fall 1977	3,587	PHYSICAL EDUCATION CENTER	Academic Classrooms	Same
Fall 1978	3,651	HITCHINS ADMIN BLDG	Administrative Bldg	Same
Fall 1986	3,725	● GUILD HUMAN RESOURCES CENTER (Renovation, merging of two buildings & addition)	Allegany Hall - 1927 (Auditorium/Gymnasium) Garrett Hall - 1952 (Academic Classrooms)	Academic Classrooms
Fall 1993	5,398	PERFORMING ARTS CENTER	Academic Classrooms	Same
Fall 2003	5,469	COMPTON SCIENCE CENTER	Academic Classrooms	Same

The Sustainable Energy Research Facility (SERF) will be constructed at the Allegany Business Center at FSU this year.





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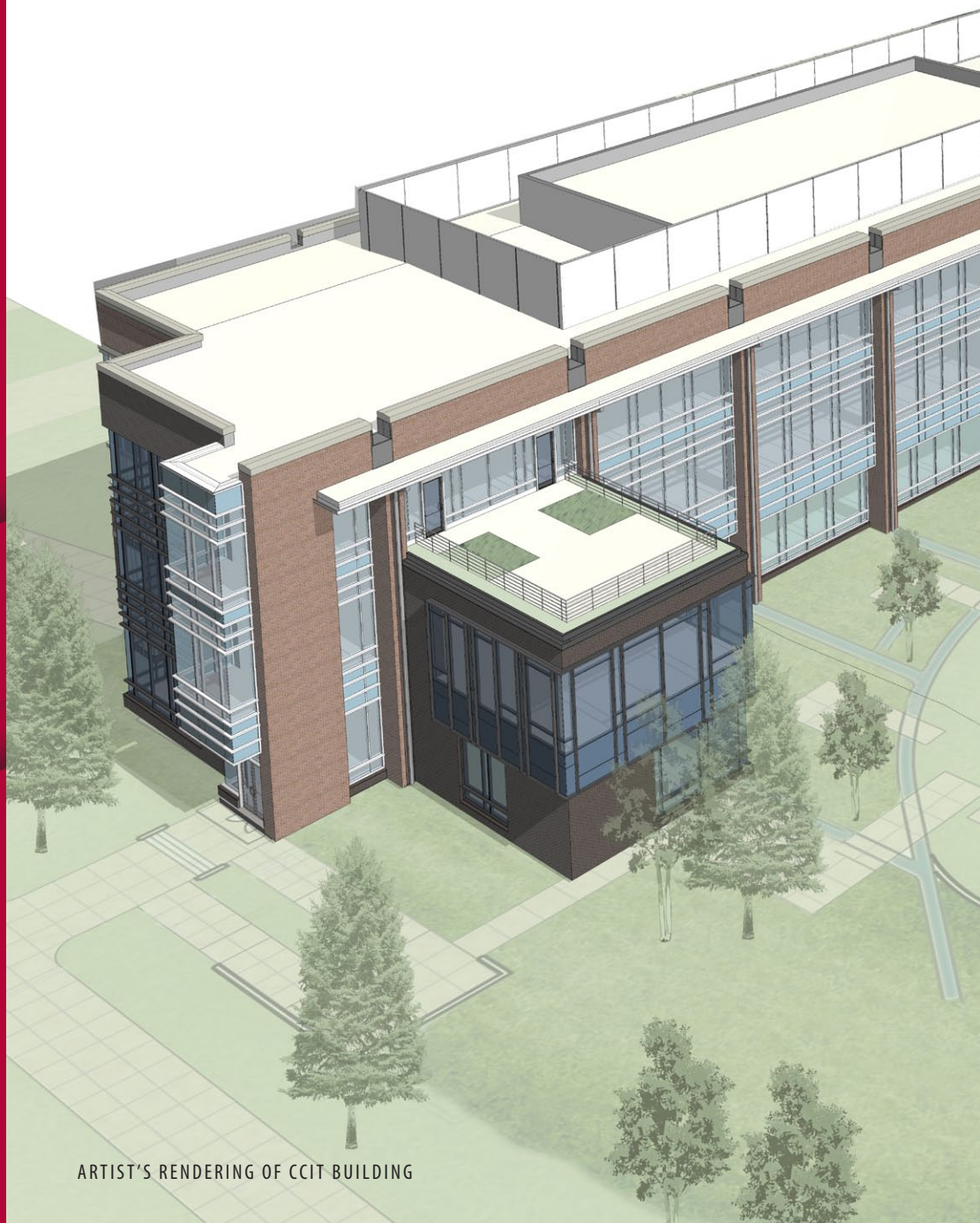
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ARTIST'S RENDERING OF CCIT BUILDING