5. <u>U. T. Austin: Discussion and appropriate action regarding approval of the East Campus Master Plan</u>

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, and President Powers that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve the East Campus Master Plan for U. T. Austin. A Powerpoint presentation is set forth on the following pages.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Following Board approval on May 9, 2013 of the 2012 Campus and Medical School Master Plan, planning was initiated for the East Campus, which encompasses U. T. Austin property located east of Interstate Highway 35. The East Campus had not been included in the 2012 Campus Master Plan, but the Dell Medical School's need for the Penick-Allison Tennis Center site prompted the East Campus planning to begin.

The East Campus Master Plan incorporates several new construction elements, including a new parking garage adjacent to the UFCU Disch-Falk Field baseball stadium, new graduate student housing, and the Tennis Center Replacement Facility. Locating the tennis facility on the East Campus instead of a remote location will greatly improve the ability of student athletes to work tennis practice into their academic schedules. The plan calls for the tennis facility to be located on the current site of the Printing and Press Building.

New housing for graduate students has been prompted by increased difficulty for graduate students to find available and affordable housing in close proximity to the University due to escalating housing costs in Central Austin. Graduate student housing currently exists, but the large living units are mainly aimed at married students. The graduate student housing on the East Campus will be designed primarily to meet the needs of single students and will be built in phases. Offering affordable and proximate graduate housing can be a recruiting tool, as other peer institutions have found, and having a location near the Dell Medical School will make the housing an option for medical students.

A parking shortage currently exists on the East Campus during certain times of the year, which can push commuters into the adjacent neighborhood. The construction of graduate student housing (Item 4 on Page 291 of the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee) will remove the existing surface parking; therefore, the Plan proposes adding a garage with 2,000 parking spaces (Item 3 on Page 290 of the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee).

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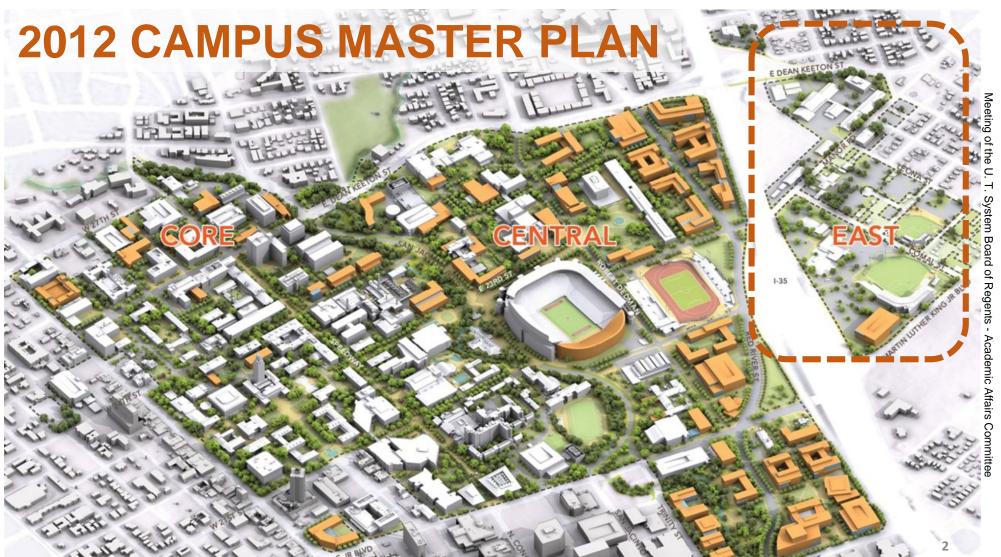
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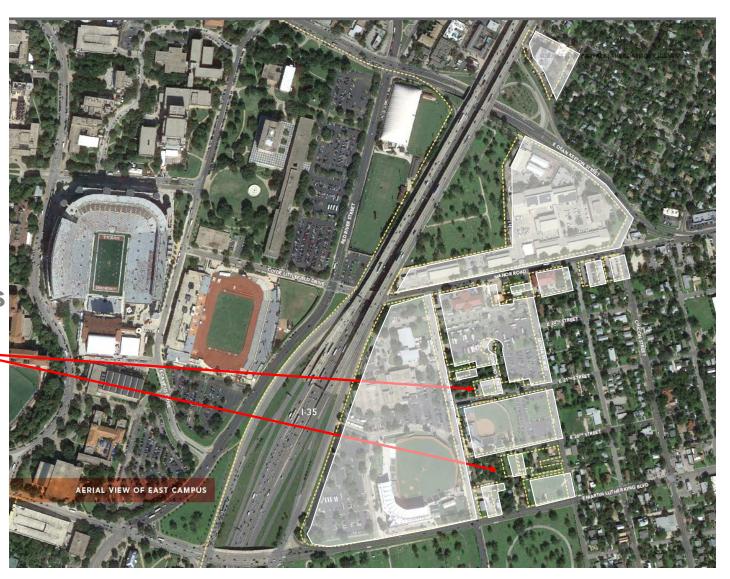
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EAST CAMPUS

Existing
UT Austin
Property in
East Campus

Several property parcels are not owned by UT Austin



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NEW BUILDINGS PROPOSED IN EAST CAMPUS MASTER PLAN NEW BUILDINGS PROPOSED IN CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

STUDENT HOUSING

[____] UT AUSTIN CAMPUS BOUNDARY

TRANSITION TO NEIGHBORHOOD SCALE

Limit Graduate Student Housing Facing Leona Street to 2 Stories With Landscaped Street Frontage







East Campus Master Plan

Highlights:

- Worked closely with adjacent neighborhood and have neighborhood support for the plan
- Provides an organized and efficient way to achieve better utilization of existing property
- Recommends placement and conceptual size for the following needed projects:
 - East Campus Parking Garage –
 2,000 parking spaces
 - Graduate Student Housing –
 734 student beds
 - Tennis Center Replacement Facility –
 12 competition courts for student athletes
- Accommodates future graduate student housing as well as consolidation of some service and administrative support functions