Campus Master Plan Update
Listening Session with Provost Perry Moore
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The following are notes taken from this meeting.

- Is parking going to be self-sufficient? This will need to be a discussion that develops from the transportation symposium recommendations.
- Some discussion has been held regarding off campus lots for freshmen and off campus lots for commuters with a van transport to campus but not decision has been made. Waiting for recommendations from the transportation symposium.
- The Provost believes Texas State will grow to 40,000 students within the next 8 years since we are at 32,500 currently and growing 1,500 annually.
- Should special attention be placed on academic program growth and research in this update? No, these will be addressed in the upcoming strategic plan review and will become part of next master plan update.
- Texas State is a space deficit institution yet enrollment continues to increase and there are funding issues. What impact does this have on planning priorities? Most academic planning impacts graduate programs which means increasing masters programs. However, our biggest problem is not having facilities, it’s not having the staff, faculty and assistantships for these programs. We did not add new faculty this year and will not be adding any next year. Most of the new graduate programs will be online. We are also putting General Education courses online.
- We need to preserve a unique campus experience so students like being here and will stay here.
- Since there is no new funding for new buildings we will need to adjust in other ways: scheduling 8:00 a.m. classes and 4:00 p.m. classes, classes on Saturdays and definitely Fridays
- Spaces between buildings should be viewed as a priority, we should be identifying ways to improve the grounds at minimal cost
- Aquarena, current facilities and future facilities, needs to be included in the Master Plan Update
- Sustainability – the best way to impact carbon neutrality is to address transportation. What are the next baby steps to take in light of limited funding? Can we create better efficiencies and be better stewards of environment? Need to frame it with financial constraints. We are committed to the right things but need to be fiscally responsible.