

West Plains Visioning Guide

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GOHN HALL HASS-HOOVER HALL

Missouri State-West Plains' campus has seen rapid growth over the past few years. In a 10-year period from Fall 2000 to Fall 2010, full-time-equivalent enrollment increased 66.1%.

Gohn Hall would provide a permanent home for the Academic Outreach program on the West Plains campus, housing classrooms in which bachelors and master's programs are taught by the Springfield campus.

Hass-Hoover Hall would house the Student Advancement and Academic Support (SAAS) Center and the honors program. The renovation would increase space for SAAS' mediated learning laboratory and would provide space for tutoring, group study, administrative offices, a small meeting room and a community room.

BROADWAY HALL

The Broadway Hall renovation and reuse constitutes the second phase of the overall West Plains Campus renovation and reuse program. This 27,000 square foot structure consists of four interconnected buildings constructed between 1940 and 1970. Once completed, approximately 13,000 square feet will be used for instruction and administration; 14,000 square feet will be used to house the physical plant mechanical, grounds, custodial equipment and operations. The remainder of the facility will be used for campus central storage and processing operations. Proper renovation is required for classroom and office use.

GARNETT HALL

With the construction of a new library, Garnett Library will be converted to support an expanded Student Life system.

NEW LIBRARY

Student enrollment at Missouri State University-West Plains has increased 2 1/2 times since 1991, the year the campus first occupied the current library building. It was viewed as only a temporary answer to the need for a library and resulted conveniently from connecting and renovating a burned-out, depression-era building and a small building built in the 1950s. The number of students served by Missouri State University-West Plains is projected to increase by another 25 percent in the next five years. With enrollment expected to continue to increase, a new, larger, more technologically-equipped facility designed for delivery of information services is needed to support the academic needs of the campus.

Directed by CEHE in 1995 to enhance existing degree programs and add others, Missouri State University-West Plains now offers 12 degree programs (10 more than in 1991). Additional programs are included in the long-range plan. In addition, Missouri State University-West Plains has become a major resource as an academic outreach delivery site for ten bachelor's and master's degree programs from the Missouri State University-Springfield campus. The New Library will serve as a powerful symbol of academic life. It will contain traditional library space for contemplative study and provide learning space for social, collaborative interaction, classrooms, faculty space, and community space. It will house print materials, and access to technology and digital information, allowing the West Plains campus to continue its momentum toward developing a quality, academically-challenging program of study in each of its degree areas.

TUTTLE AMPHITHEATER

An 150 seat outdoor theater is planned to be carved out of the hillside using the natural terrain and existing vegetation west of the Smith-London Bell Tower. The Tuttle Amphitheater will provide the University and the greater West Plains community an outdoor venue for spectacular events, concerts, rallies, films or theatrical performances. Seating for the amphitheater will face a theatrical-style stage, providing an enjoyable atmosphere and environment to view the entertainment.

Spectators will be encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets to enhance seating on the grass covered surface.

MISSOURI HALL

This University-owned building is currently leased to the United States Postal Service (USPS), and the location serves as the main post office in West Plains, Missouri. The lease with the USPS expires on July 31, 2016. The University plans to renovate the facility at that time for classroom and faculty and staff administrative space.

SITE DEVELOPMENT

The 20-acre West Plains Campus is currently divided by numerous streets that impede pedestrian traffic and limit the future capability for campus growth. Closing streets will assist campus safety by reducing vehicle traffic and limiting access to interior campus space by outside constituents. With the closure of streets, walkways will be developed to improve pedestrian traffic. In addition, exterior lighting will be provided to improve the appearance and security of the campus during the evening hours. A wayfinding program is planned to navigate students and campus visitors to their desired locations.

As properties are acquired and streets are closed, new parking lots will be developed on the perimeter of the campus. The core of the campus will contain academic and auxiliary facilities and green space.

The low-lying land west of the Smith-London Bell Tower and east of Kellett Hall is noted for having standing water after heavy rains. In order to continue to develop campus exterior spaces, a water detention area is planned.

The existing basketball court near the recently completed Student Recreation Center is heavily used by students and the community. An additional court and two sand volleyball courts will be constructed to enhance the recreation area.

DRAGO COLLEGE STORE EXPANSION

Store expansion will be required to address current overcrowding of both products and personnel and accommodate rapidly increasing sales volume, including the growing demand for new technology products which students are utilizing in this digital age. Expansion will also provide the ability to add additional register sites, enlarge the fry shipping, scooping and storage area, and expand the Crazy Club convenience/snack sales area.

EXISTING FACILITIES

- ACADEMIC OUTREACH CENTER
- BROADWAY HALL
- CASS HALL
- V.H. DRAGO COLLEGE STORE
- GARNETT HALL
- GARNETT LIBRARY
- GOHN HALL
- GRIZZLY HOUSE
- KELLETT HALL
- M.O. LOONEY HALL
- MICHAEL J. LYBERER ENHANCED TECHNOLOGY CENTER
- EMORY L. MELTON HALL
- MISSOURI HALL
- PUTNAM STUDENT CENTER
- SMITH-LONDON CENTENNIAL BELL TOWER
- STUDENT RECREATION CENTER

LEGEND

- VEHICULAR ENTRANCES
- MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY WEST PLAINS PROPERTY
- MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY WEST PLAINS PROPOSED PROPERTY
- CITY OF WEST PLAINS FACILITIES

WEST MAIN STREET BUILDINGS

As the campus develops along West Main Street, the scale of the facilities will be kept small to retain the residential character of the street and its history. Temporary facilities will be developed to meet the growing needs of the campus while maintaining the residential feel. The location of these buildings will be articulated to reinforce the historic importance of the street and create easy pedestrian access into the core of campus.

FUTURE CLASSROOM BUILDINGS

As student enrollment continues to increase, and additional programs are expected to expand, new facilities will be required to meet the needs of the growing campus.

CAMPUS ENTRANCES

Ingress and egress from the principal city thoroughfare on Broadway will be enhanced by creating an entrance to the campus. The new entrance will assist visitors and prospective students and serve to delineate the campus from the surrounding neighborhood. This entrance will also provide the campus with frontage along a primarily retail/service corridor in the center city.

A secondary entrance from the major city thoroughfare of West Main Street will be developed to bring students, faculty, staff and visitors to the core of campus and to various drop-off areas and perimeter parking.