Overview of Purpose
The purpose of the Comprehensive Facilities Master Plan Update is to create a current framework for step-by-step restoration and development at MSU, Mankato. Coordinated with strategic plans and other facilities studies, the framework will guide future development and support the University in achieving its long term vision.

Among the project goals, the Master Plan Update should support the University’s ability to most effectively serve students and the community, and:

- Identify space **modernization** and new/replacement construction to **improve learning space** and create facilities aligned with the strategic plan, including academic, student services and residential life needs;
- Support **operational efficiencies**: maintainability and durability, energy savings, scheduling;
- Chart out projects to **reduce maintenance backlog**.

To meet these goals, planners **compile, integrate and coordinate** information about current efforts and studies: the housing master plan, recent and upcoming construction projects such as Preska residence hall, the Library tunnel and the Clinical Sciences building, and technology, transportation, and Facilities data.

Scope and Topics
The master plan scope includes an **analysis of existing space** for capacity, condition and functional fit with academic goals and **recommendations for changes** in light of the changing academic and student services environment of the 21st century.

Planners develop options to consider and address:

- Land use and intersection of campus with the wider community
- Location and relationships of facilities, amenities and surroundings
- Programs to better serve students
- Plans to modernize for enhanced program efficiency and effectiveness
- Remodeling options to improve campus
- New construction or addition possibilities
- Campus sustainability
- Multimodal transportation, walkability, and parking analysis

Topic areas for planning:
- **Academic Programs**
- **Co-curricular Activities**
- **Student Services**
- **Student Housing**
- **Environmental/Energy**
- **Growth/Enrollment**
- **Buildings – Capacity/crowding, Functional Fit, Condition, Aesthetics**
- **Site – Access, Circulation, Connection to Neighborhoods, Safety/Security, Aesthetics**
- **Infrastructure and Systems**
- **Information Technology**
- **Extended Learning**
The planning team:

Cunningham Group – Planning: Architecture and Landscape Architecture
http://www.cunningham.com/

Oleson & Hobbie Architects, Mankato – Existing Facilities Planning
http://oharchitects.com/

H.R. Green – Transportation Planning

Loeffler Construction – Cost Estimating
http://www.loefflerconstruction.com/services.html

Process & Schedule
The Master Planning Process kicked off in October and November with multiple visits by planners and architects – for interviews, an “Input Open House”. The purpose of the visits was to establish the goals for the master plan, and gather information on issues related to function, use and condition of buildings and campus site.

The Process described by the planning team involves three phases to reach master plan solution(s): Input, Priorities and Options. During the initial Input phase, planners gathered information about needs, both for programs and for buildings and grounds.

The team met twice with the representative Master Planning Task Force, whose role is to

“Understand and communicate the purpose and power of master planning in shaping the future of this institution. ‘Translate’ institutional strategic goals into potential implications for facilities. Provide broad, institution-wide feedback and recommendations. Be ambassadors to the rest of campus and help them become engaged and understand.”

Activities included discussion of aspirations, key issues, and how the strategic plan and trends shaping higher education may impact Mankato facilities.

Input Sessions held to date:

- President Davenport, VP Rick Straka, and AVP Ron Fields - to confirm process and goals
- The Master Planning Task Force – to hear from this representative group about goals and issues for the campus as well as input on process and trends
- Deans Council – focused on Academic space needs and trends
- Interviews with:
  - Vice Presidents David Jones (Student Affairs, Enrollment Management), Ed Clark (Technology, CIO) Bob Hoffman (Strategic Partnerships);
  - Leaders for each of the Colleges and the Library;
  - Interim Dean and Chief Diversity Officer Henry Morris
  - Director of Athletics Kevin Buisman
  - Head of Residence Life Cindy Janney
  - Parking Director David Cowan
- Input Open House - Students, Staff, stopped by tables in the CSU to discuss their interests and concerns about facilities
- Facilities and Operations Session with Director Paul Corcoran and staff about infrastructure and facilities condition.
- Campus Landscaping staff and Marketing – Landscape and first impressions.
The project moves into the Options phase in January/February, and the Implementation/Draft Plan phase in March/April, with expected completion by May, 2013. There will be multiple opportunities for input by the campus community during this time.

MSU, Mankato Strategic Plan:
One common discussion thread was how the University’s 2010-2015 Strategic Plan goals may shape facilities. We asked: “As you achieve your Strategic Plan Actions and Goals, what does MSU, Mankato look like - In 5 years? In 20 years?”

Strategic Plan Priority Areas:
1. Change the world by collaboratively addressing our planet’s most challenging problems. (Promote Global Solutions)
2. Foster the thriving and robust academic culture of a doctoral university. (Think and Act Like a Doctoral Institution)
3. Greatly expand the reach of our extended learning programs. (Grow Extended Learning)
4. Reinvigorate our physical home and build the campus of the future. (Create the Campus of the Future)
5. Measure and continuously improve our work to ensure excellence in all that we do. (Embody Quality and Excellence)