

Blackfeet Community College

Master Planning Priorities and Wishlist

Building Construction Priorities

1) New Administration Building

- Free-standing building separate from Beaver Paint Lodge
- Space for Administration, Business Office, Financial Aid and Registrar
- Vacated space in BPL to become faculty offices
- 10,000 sf @ \$150/sf = \$1.5 million budget

2) Auditorium & Recreation/Fitness Center

- Fitness and Recreation Center for students and staff
- Basketball gymnasium with telescoping seating
- Running track, aerobics area, and training machines
- Auditorium with fixed seating for 600 people
- Large space for cultural events, graduation, etc.
- Lobby and support spaces shared with Gymnasium
- 10,000 sf Rec center @ \$250/sf = \$2.5 million budget
- 8,000 sf Auditorium @ \$250/sf = \$2.0 million budget

3) Student Housing

- 100 population initially, 250-300 eventually
- Provide 2 & 3 bedroom units for students & families
- Four to eight units per building
- Add buildings and parking as project grows
- Provide pedestrian connection back to main campus
- First phase = 3 persons per 600 sf unit = 18,000 sf
- 18,000 sf @ \$150/sf = \$2.7 million initial budget

4) Agricultural & Heavy Equipment Facility

- Classroom space for Agricultural & Livestock uses
- Large indoor livestock pavilion and holding area
- Direct Highway access for trailers and equipment
- Move Heavy Equipment classes here in future
- 3,000 sf classroom @ \$170/sf = \$500,000 budget
- 15,000 sf livestock building @ \$80/sf = \$1.2 million
- 15,000 sf equipment building @ \$80/sf = \$1.2 million

5) Outreach extension centers

- Five new centers anticipated- Heart Butte, Babb, Seville, Starr School & Old Agency
- Classroom & Multipurpose & Meeting spaces at each
- 10,000 - 13,000 sf @ \$150/sf = \$1.5 million each

6) Cultural and Arts Center

- Visitor's Center and Cultural Displays
- Artist Display spaces and teaching/workshop rooms
- 5,000 - 7,000 sf size @ \$250/sf = \$1.5 million budget

Campus-wide Priorities

Connection to Nature

Blackfeet Community College is uniquely positioned between the city to the west and open prairie to the east. Future growth should heighten this strong sense of transition for cultural, aesthetic, and pragmatic reasons.

- Place high traffic-volume buildings near the highway
- Locate residential and agricultural uses to east
- Place larger buildings along highway to shield campus
- Maintain view corridors to east
- Incorporate livestock areas into campus growth
- Showcase renewable energy and resources

Traffic and Highway Access

Vehicle and pedestrian traffic flow into and within the campus needs improvement. The current highway entrance is overloaded and a hazard for pedestrians and left-hand turns. Anticipated improvements include:

- Move main access away from Beaver Paint Lodge
- Provide secondary access points to improve emergency exiting and ease congestion
- Begin process of installing a traffic signal and pedestrian crosswalk
- Divert trailers & equipment away from campus center

New Land Purchases

Blackfeet Community College is bordered by vacant lands to the south and east. The lands to the south are easy to build upon. Development of the east property will need to consider the soils and water table. Much of the existing campus is owned by the Blackfeet Tribe, with some buildings straddling property lines. New land purchases should concentrate on the following goals:

- Negotiate purchase of Aubrey lands to south and east
- Possible purchase of east half of Glacier Restaurant lot
- Clarify ownership of Tribal parcels within campus

Parking & Pedestrians

The campus should be made more accommodating for pedestrians. The current main parking lot is overloaded and will only become less convenient as new buildings are added. The climate of Browning encourages short distances between parking lots and the buildings served. Future parking growth should be guided by the following:

- Phased parking additions as buildings are added
- Smaller dispersed lots to avoid large parking lots
- Position parking lots near campus vehicular entrances to get people out of cars earlier
- Pedestrian circulation spine should be convenient to parking lots and access all buildings



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