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Project                  Tennessee State University Campus Master Plan

Subject                  1. History of the University  
                                1.2 Overview of Institution

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To                         Tennessee State University

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The object of this work element is for the planning team and campus community to understand the overall dimensions and physical characteristics of the campus.

## **1.    CAMPUS CHARACTERISTICS**

Tennessee State University is located in Nashville which is the capital of the State of Tennessee and the county seat of Davidson County. It is the second most populous city in the state after Memphis. It is located on the Cumberland River in Davidson County, in the north-central part of the state. Nashville is a major hub for the health care, music, publishing, banking and transportation industries.

Nashville has a consolidated city-county government which includes seven smaller municipalities in a two-tier system. The population of Nashville-Davidson County stood at 619,626 as of 2007 according to United States Census Bureau estimates. The 2007 population of the entire 13-county Nashville Metropolitan Statistical Area was 1,521,437 making it the largest metropolitan area in the state. These large population numbers support the desire for TSU growth in the next 5-10 years.

## **2     MAIN CAMPUS**

The main campus for Tennessee State University is located just east of a bend in the Cumberland River and northwest of the 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue North exit from Interstate 40; the main route for vehicular access to the campus from the Nashville area. In general, the main campus serves a population of mostly full-time students who are seeking a traditional educational experience including a residential life program. The vast majority of student credits are earned during the daytime hours of 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The main campus is comprised of 65 buildings that are generally of a similar character.

## **3.    AVON WILLIAMS CAMPUS**

The Avon Williams campus is located near the center of Nashville, the state capitol building and other governmental facilities. It is located on a city block just off Interstate 40 and exit 209 on 10<sup>th</sup> Street, is conveniently located to the downtown area as well as suburban areas. The vast majority of Avon Williams students are non-traditional, working or part-time students. Classes are taught with few exceptions during the evening hours of 5:00 PM to

10:00 PM. The Avon Williams campus is a single building designed in a contemporary style situated on a city block. It has no exterior space to speak of that is usable by students and faculty.

#### **4. ENROLLMENT**

The current TSU enrollment (as of 2007 institution figures) is 9,038 headcount students which is 7,464 Full time Equivalent (FTE) students. Two growth scenarios were evaluated for the planning horizon of approximately 5 years; 10,500 headcount and 8,671 FTE and 12,000 headcount with 9,910 FTE students respectively. These growth scenarios represent 16% and 33% growth above the 9,038 headcount figure of 2006. In 2007, unofficial enrollment showed 7,118 (79% of the student headcount) undergraduates and 1,904 (21% of the student headcount) graduate students resulting 9,022 headcount; representing relatively flat growth. Long-term projections indicate a desire to grow enrollment in the graduate divisions and maintain the current enrollment in the undergraduate division. Also, as of 2007, there are 405 fulltime faculty members and 144 part-time faculty on campus. It is not expected that this 74/26% ratio will change in a substantial way. Of these roughly 9,000 headcount students attending TSU, approximately 30% live on campus in residential facilities owned by the campus. In addition, of the 9,000 students attending TSU on either or both campuses, approximately 1,300 are taking some form of eLearning, on-line course. 71% of the total TSU enrollment is from the State of Tennessee.

#### **5. UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION AGREEMENTS AND TBR POLICIES**

Tennessee State University is one of 46 institutions in the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) system, the seventh largest system of higher education in the nation. The Tennessee Board of Regents is the governing board for this system which is comprised of six Universities, 14 two-year colleges, and 26 Technology centers. The TBR system enrolls more than 80 percent of all Tennessee students attending public institutions of higher education.

Tennessee State University, under the control of the Tennessee Board of Regents, is a regional University organized as the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business, the College of Education, the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science, the College of Health Sciences, the College of Public Service and Urban Affairs, the School of Agriculture and Consumer Science, the School of Graduate Studies and Research, and the School of Nursing.

The University is a major, comprehensive urban land-grant institution offering 45 bachelor's degrees and 24 master's degrees. Doctoral degrees are offered in seven areas: biological sciences, psychology, public administration, curriculum and instruction, administration and supervision, and computer information systems engineering and physical therapy.

The University is a member of the following associations:

- American Council on Education
- American Psychological Association (APA)

- AACSB International—The Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business
- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences-Higher Education Unit
- American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- American Association of Colleges of Nursing
- American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
- American Association of State Colleges and Universities
- Association of Administrators of Human Sciences
- Association of Colleges and Schools of Education in State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (ACSESULAC)
- Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions
- Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI)
- The College Board
- Conference of Southern Graduate Schools
- Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences
- Council for Counseling Psychology Training Programs (CCPTP)
- Council of Graduate Schools
- Council of Historically Black Graduate Schools
- Council of 1890 Family and Consumer Sciences
- Council of 1890 Presidents
- Council of the Great City Colleges of Education
- Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce
- National Association for Business Teacher Education
- National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics
- National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO)
- National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT)
- National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME)
- National Association of Schools of Art and Design
- National Association of Schools of Music
- National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration
- National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC)
- National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges

- National Collegiate Athletic Association
- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
- National Society of Allied Health
- National University Extension Association
- Ohio Valley Conference
- Organization of Black Airline Pilots (OBAP)
- Southern Business Administration Association
- Southern Regional Education Board
- Teacher Education Council of State Colleges and Universities
- Tennessee Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- Tennessee Aviation Association (TAA)
- Tennessee College Association
- Tennessee Conference of Graduate Schools
- University Aviation Association (UAA)
- University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA)
- World Council for Curriculum and Instruction (WCCI)
- American Council on Education

Tennessee State University is an equal opportunity employer committed to the education of a non-racially identifiable student body. TSU affirms that it does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability or veteran status in the educational programs or activities which it operates, nor in admission to or employment in such programs or activities.

TSU adheres to the requirements of Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, as amended, Sections 799A and 946 of the Public Health Service Act, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Executive Orders 11246 and 11375, and the related regulations to each.

TSU reaffirms that it does not discriminate in employment based on race, color, religion, sex, age, disability or national origin and that it has taken affirmative action on behalf of minorities, and women, as prescribed by the Equal Pay Act of 1963, as amended, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Executive Order 11246 and 11375 as amended, Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 and the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978.