



Dalton State College Physical Facilities Plan

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Dalton State College (DSC) operates and maintains physical facilities that serve the needs of the institution's educational programs, support services, and other mission-related activities. Compliance in this area is achieved through an administrative structure of qualified staff charged with the responsibilities of planning, constructing, renovating, and maintaining the College's physical facilities. Goals and objectives for the physical campus are developed through a master planning process that encompasses a fifteen-year span with budgeting for active and future construction projects in excess of \$50 million. In addition, the College has dedicated itself to identifying resources for the purpose of accomplishing the above goals and enhancing its physical facilities to fulfill its mission.

Physical Facilities

The [Office of Plant Operations](#) is responsible for the construction, operation and maintenance of all of the [College's facilities](#). Dalton State College is situated on 144 acres in the City of Dalton. The [campus](#) consists of 13 major (non-leased) [buildings](#) totaling 438,268 gross square feet. Spring 2012 full-time enrollment was 2,783 students. Residence hall capacity is approximately 236 beds.

Staff number approximately 34 full- and part-time employees. Most of the buildings are located on the main campus on College Drive while Dalton State East is approximately seven miles east located at the Whitfield Career Academy, and the Ellijay Center is located in downtown Ellijay approximately forty five miles east of Dalton. Detailed information regarding the type of facilities and how they support the College's needs follows in Table 1:

Table 1 – Physical Resources & Instructional Facilities as of Fall 2012

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| Acreage | 144 |
| Number of Buildings | 13 |
| Number of Buildings Leased (Wood Valley Apartment Complex and Ellijay Center) | 11 |
| Building Space Sq. Ft. Use | 533,708 |
| Classrooms & Lecture Halls | 64 |
| Offices | 252 |
| Microcomputer Laboratories | 29 |
| Technical Laboratories | 15 |
| Science & Math Laboratories | 6 |
| Parking Spaces | 2,484 |

Table 2 – Building Square Footage

| Building Name | Res. Inst. Sq. Ft. Use | Aux Ent. Sq. Ft. Use | Total % Use | Total Sq. Ft. Use |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Bandy Gymnasium | 29,411 | 0 | 100 | 29,411 |
| Dalton State East | 18,350 | 0 | 100 | 18,350 |
| Ellijay Center | 10,100 | 0 | 100 | 10,100 |
| Gignilliat Memorial Hall | 30,191 | 0 | 100 | 30,191 |
| James Brown Building | 28,000 | 0 | 100 | 28,000 |
| Lorberbaum Liberal Arts | 41,132 | 0 | 100 | 41,132 |
| Maintenance | 15,005 | 0 | 100 | 15,005 |
| Maintenance Warehouse | 2,400 | 0 | 100 | 2,400 |
| Pope Student Center | 38,038 | 5,684 | 100 | 43,722 |
| Roberts Library + Addition | 87,323 | 0 | 100 | 87,323 |
| Sequoia Hall | 48,937 | 0 | 100 | 48,937 |
| Technical | 62,664 | 0 | 100 | 62,664 |
| Westcott Hall | 21,133 | 0 | 100 | 21,133 |
| Institutional Totals | 422,584 | 5,684 | | 438,368 |

Buildings and classrooms are equipped with technology including wireless access; computer labs; overhead LCD projectors, instructor workstations, and interactive whiteboards in several labs and classrooms. The College also continues to assess and expand the information technology needs of the campus.

Campus Master Plan and Capital Improvements

In 2010, the College began developing its current Master Plan. The plan evolved from documentation of existing conditions to a proactive and multi-faceted document encompassing long-anticipated plans as well as new ideas that were only recently made possible. A broad and diverse cross-section of faculty, staff, and students, as well as members of the outside community, participated in the development of these plans.

The plan charts a fifteen year course for Dalton State College. It focuses on improving the College's overall aesthetics while honoring the institution's tradition and history. The Master Plan encompasses the physical characteristics of the College, its dynamics with the surrounding neighborhood and its relationship with the City of Dalton. Major capital projects underway or in the planning stages are reflected in Table 3.

Table 3 – Current and Proposed Capital Projects

| Project Description | Est. Square Footage | Estimated Cost |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Science/Classroom Building | 61,000 | \$14.6 Million |
| Expansion/Renovation of Pope Student Center | 50,000 | \$15 Million |
| Expansion/Renovation of Bandy Gymnasium | 50,000 | \$15 Million |
| New Housing | 400 Beds | \$17 Million |
| Renovation of vacated Automotive / Technology Bldg. | | \$3.5 million |
| Renovation of vacated Welding Lab / Technology Bldg. | | \$450,000 |

As part of its facilities planning program, the Vice President for Fiscal Affairs and the Director of Plant Operations maintains a report listing active, and proposed projects. Project priorities are based on the severity of the issue and designated funding. Recent capital improvements and renovation projects completed or currently underway are presented in Table 4.

Table 4 – Capital Improvements and Renovations

| Project | Description | Estimated Cost |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Roofing | Plant Building | \$125,000 |
| Emergency Generator | Memorial Hall / Public Safety | \$225,000 |
| Elevator | Pope Student Center | \$225,000 |
| Pedestrian Bridge | Technical Building | \$100,000 |
| HVAC upgrades | Misc. Buildings | \$100,000 |
| Complete interior renovations | Westcott Building | \$700,000 |
| Electrical infrastructure upgrade | Entire Campus | \$700,000 |

Space Planning and Utilization

The attached Table 5 demonstrates that the College has adequate classroom and academic space to support its educational programs. However, the College is deficit in both recreation and general student space as noted in the Master Plan

All aspects of the learning environment are considered to make spaces flexible enough to accommodate student learning styles and various instructional strategies. Similarly, all campus buildings comply with the guidelines and

regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Table 5 – Master Plan Program

| Hegis Code / Existing Use | Existing GSF | Total GSF Need at 8,000 HC |
|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| 100.200.300: Academic (Classrooms, Lab, Office) | 201,592 | 232,117 |
| 400: Library | 68,440 | 94,540 |
| 500: Indoor Recreation | 35,386 | 145,471 |
| 600: General/Student Center | 94,954 | 236,314 |
| 700: Plant Operations | 19,512 | 35,322 |
| 800: Health Services | - | 4,4716 |

Maintenance of Facilities

The mission of the Physical Plant is to provide a clean, safe, and attractive environment for all members of the College community. To that end, physical facilities are maintained, inspected, and evaluated regularly by in-house employees, contract services, and professional consultants.

These activities are coordinated and executed by in-house personnel for the following types of regular operations: administration and administrative support, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, keys and locks. Various chiller and boilers provides the HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) System. Custodial and grounds services are in house. Pest control, waste removal activities, specialized landscaping, larger scale painting, carpet installation, and major renovations are contracted out. Consultants are also regularly utilized for architectural, engineering, and construction-related matters. All of these activities are administered directly by the Physical Plant.

Routine maintenance is scheduled through general observation. Preventative maintenance is monitored to extend the life expectancy of the College's infrastructure. Scheduled work entails several categories including work orders based on hours of use, mileage, or periodicity; emergency or service work orders due to malfunctioning elements; and specific assigned work ranging from minor renovations to support services. This type of work is completed by a combination of outside contractors including the in-house workforce.

Plant Operations tracks [deferred maintenance items](#) and discusses these items with the Vice President of Fiscal Affairs. Additionally, the Office maintains a database of Deferred Maintenance projects, and in conjunction with the Office of Fiscal Affairs, identifies resources to fund deferred projects prioritized according to status and availability of funds. Below is table of some of the affected deferred maintenance items.

Table 6 – Deferred Maintenance

| Project Description | Estimated Cost |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Roof – Technology Building | \$900,000 |
| Roof – Student Center | \$475,000 |
| Roof – Library | \$150,000 |
| HVAC – Campus Wide Controls | \$500,000 |
| Chiller – Student Center | \$200,000 |
| Air Handlers – Westcott | \$150,000 |
| Boiler – Technical Education | \$50,000 |
| Boiler – Student Center | \$50,000 |
| Natural Gas Line Replacement | \$300,000 |