

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2003-2012

PRIORITY ONE

MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY AT THE SCRUSHY CAMPUS

The rapid growth of the Scrushy Campus has created a critical need for additional classroom space. In addition to the classroom needs, a unique opportunity exists to partner with the local community to fully serve the needs of the community. Also, the Scrushy Campus, located in the center of the state and near the interstate highway that connects the northern and southern portions of the state, is in a position to serve as a valuable state resource. The planned multipurpose building would house workforce development opportunities, programs in partnership with the city of Hoover and potentially with Shelby County, classrooms and laboratories, student support offices, faculty offices, administrative offices, and conference rooms to serve the college and outside agencies.

PRIORITY TWO

FACILITY TO SERVE THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE COLLEGE'S SERVICE AREA

The Northeast Campus was centrally located in the college's original service area but the redefinition of the service area toward the eastern/southern part of the Birmingham/Hoover Metropolitan Area has created a need to reach out in a new direction. The college's enrollment from St. Clair County is approaching 400 students, and the eastern communities of Jefferson County are experiencing rapid population growth. The college will need an instructional site in the eastern portion of its service area to adequately deliver a range of educational services to this growing population.

PRIORITY THREE

REALLOCATING AND REMODELING OF ACADEMIC SPACE ON THE NORTHEAST CAMPUS

The age of the buildings and the enrollment decrease on the Northeast Campus have created a need for reallocation of some instructional space and remodeling to make the space more functional. One emphasis in the reallocation and remodeling will be to upgrade and provide more space for science and information systems laboratories. More efficient scheduling would free additional space to be used for other campus outreaches that are experiencing rapid growth.

PRIORITY FOUR

REMODELING OF LURLEEN WALLACE HALL TO ENCOMPASS A CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

As a result of the emphasis placed on workforce development by the Department of Postsecondary Education and by Jefferson State, the college has undertaken a major remodeling project in Lurleen Wallace Hall during the previous ten-year campus development cycle. This emphasis on workforce development will continue during the next planning cycle and will result in the need for additional remodeling of this building. A primary need for the workforce development outreach initiative is a childcare center. The college is also in need of a major upgrade of its Child Development Center, which serves as the instructional center for the Child Development Program. In this plan, a portion of Lurleen Wallace Hall would be reallocated and remodeled to serve as both a teaching center for the Child Development Program and a functioning daycare center for the community.

Additional needs include space for an expanded GED program, training rooms, and computer labs. These additional needs can be met with the remodeling of the auditorium and space vacated by the Instructional Technology Services.

PRIORITY FIVE

REMODELING OF GEORGE WALLACE HALL TO ENCOMPASS INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

In implementing the Technology Plan 2000-2002, Jefferson State Community College has developed the supporting infrastructure and acquired the technology and expertise to use that technology to enhance educational opportunities for learners in the greater Birmingham area. However, maintaining current technology and providing the services to support its effective use is an ongoing challenge. The next technology plan will address the need to upgrade the mainframe computer and transition to the current generation of administrative software for student, personnel, and financial data systems. Concurrently, technology support will continue to be a primary need. In response to this need, this campus development plan proposes to consolidate Information Technology personnel and Instructional Technology Services personnel in George Wallace Hall, which houses the current computer center.

Space on the second floor of George Wallace Hall (GWH) will be reallocated and redesigned to house both Instructional Technology Services and the technical support services personnel. This would place these areas in closer proximity to the computer operations of the campus and to other personnel of the Information Technology department who are located on the first floor of GWH. The second floor of GWH area already houses the teaching facilities for the Customer Service/Call Center Program, so these operations would be a good fit. Additional laboratories will be constructed to provide facilities for the college's technology support needs and for additional credit and non-credit technology training.

PRIORITY SIX

EXPANSION OF THE SENIOR CENTER IN THE LEROY BROWN HEALTH AND PHYSICAL RECREATION BUILDING

The number of senior citizens is growing in Alabama and the nation, and their needs will continue to grow. During the last campus development cycle the college has offered support toward meeting this need by constructing a Senior Center in the Leroy Brown Health and Physical Recreation Building. Additional space exists to accommodate the additional needs through further remodeling of this building.

PRIORITY SEVEN

EXPANSION OF THE MANUFACTURING CENTER TO ACCOMMODATE A TOOL AND DIE PROGRAM

The college is centrally located to the burgeoning automotive manufacturing industry in Alabama. As a result the college developed a Manufacturing Center during the last campus development cycle. Local industries have recommended the need for tool and die capabilities to complement this center, and an expansion of the Manufacturing Center will be necessary to adequately address this need.