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1. **U.T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and appropriate action regarding Consent Agenda items, if any, assigned for Committee consideration**

RECOMMENDATION

The Board will be asked to approve the Consent Agenda beginning on [Page 166](#).

2. U.T. Austin: Approval to establish a School of Computing

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the institutional president that authorization, pursuant to the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 40601, related to academic program approval standards, be granted to

- a. establish a School of Computing, within the College of Natural Sciences, at The University of Texas at Austin; and
- b. submit the proposal to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for review and appropriate action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Pursuant to Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 40601 (Institutions Comprising the University of Texas System), The University of Texas at Austin requests the establishment of a School of Computing. The establishment of the School of Computing represents U.T. Austin's work to strengthen interdisciplinary connections in the rapidly evolving field of computational intelligence.

This new School is designed to position U.T. Austin to lead nationally in computing, data, and information sciences by bringing together complementary strengths in computer science, quantitative inference, and human-centered information studies. The new School will comprise the following components: (1) Department of Computer Science, (2) Department of Statistics and Data Sciences, and (3) School of Information. U.T. Austin is relocating the Department of Computer Science and the Department of Statistics and Data Sciences into the new School. Additionally, the School of Information will be reconstituted as a department within this new School. These changes are strictly organizational in nature. No degree programs, certificates, curricula, or academic pathways will be altered, and all current academic offerings will remain intact and uninterrupted. The School is designed to launch using existing resources and infrastructure in the College of Natural Sciences. The initial reorganization is resource-neutral and does not require new, recurring funding. This new School will allow cross-disciplinary collaboration in support of U.T. Austin's position as a national leader in computational intelligence over the coming decade.

Upon approval by the Board of Regents, the Office of Academic Affairs will notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of the change so that the U.T. Austin's administrative unit structure may be updated.

3. **Stephen F. Austin State University: Discussion and appropriate action regarding approval of an update to the Campus Master Plan, and report on the revised Strategic Plan**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the institutional president that the U.T. System Board of Regents approve an update to the Campus Master Plan for Stephen F. Austin State University, which integrates the revised Strategic Plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

President Weaver will present Stephen F. Austin State University's (SFA) proposed Campus Master Plan (CMP) and Strategic Plan (SP): *Second Century 2026-2036* that will guide the university for the future. The SP provides a strategic roadmap for SFA's goals to enrich student experience, refine academic programs, promote research and creative activities, foster innovation, and enhance the workplace culture.

The CMP and SP were developed over 12 months with input from students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community stakeholders. Both plans will continuously evolve to reflect priorities and goals.

The CMP is designed to meet growing enrollment demands, address residential inventory, reduce inefficiencies with obsolete and outmoded facilities, improve space utilization within SFA's existing footprint, and blend new construction with a robust renovation approach. The scope of the CMP also included space strategy, landscape, utility, and technology plans.

Portions of the CMP are in process, including new buildings for Forestry and Agriculture and the Greg Arnold Center for Entrepreneurship, and planning for a new residence hall. Construction of a modern Science Building and re-purposing and renovation of a current building on the main campus to house the DeWitt School of Nursing are prioritized. The CMP incorporates student and auxiliary projects, including athletics and recreation facilities, and infrastructure investments. As a residential campus, the CMP addresses the future student housing needs.

With SFA known for its beautiful campus, the CMP leverages and protects SFA's natural environment, expands indoor and outdoor civic and cultural spaces, and emphasizes pedestrian safety and comfort.

The CMP and SP position SFA to meet the needs of our current and future students, faculty, staff, alumni and stakeholders.

President Weaver's PowerPoint presentation is set forth on the following pages.

The Campus Master Plan and the Strategic Plan are available [online](#).



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2026 Campus Master Plan and Strategic Plan

Dr. Neal Weaver, President

U.T. System Board of Regents Meeting
Academic Affairs Committee
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2026 Campus Master Plan and Strategic Plan Strategic Plan Goals



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- Ensure a transformative, student-centered experience
- Refine academic programming
- Elevate research and creative activities
- Promote innovation through experiential and service learning
- Champion a meaningful and empowering workplace culture



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2026 Campus Master Plan and Strategic Plan

Current Campus Overview and Zones



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Main campus

- 421 acres
- 36 academic buildings
- 9 residence halls

Off-campus locations

- DeWitt School of Nursing
- Todd Agricultural Research Center
- 2,500-acre experimental forest lands



Zones

	Academic
	Administrative
	Athletics/Recreation
	Housing
	University Services
	General Public
	Support
	Parking Structure



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2026 Campus Master Plan and Strategic Plan Priorities



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- Strategically increase enrollment
- Invest in new and high-growth academic programs, including:
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Aviation
 - Construction Management
 - Health Professions
 - Engineering
- Enhance online and graduate programs and research opportunities
- Use new construction and re-purposing of current buildings to meet strategic goals and support growth



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2026 Campus Master Plan and Strategic Plan

Campus Master Plan Highlights



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Forestry and Agriculture Building



Future Replacement of Miller Science Building



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2026 Campus Master Plan and Strategic Plan Campus Master Plan Highlights (cont.)



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SFA is a residential campus with 4,000 students currently living on campus.

Add student housing inventory to expand to 6,000 beds to meet planned enrollment growth.

Invest in student recreation and athletics facilities.

Future 535-Bed Residence Hall on Starr Avenue



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2026 Campus Master Plan and Strategic Plan Next Steps



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- Prioritize projects based on the Strategic Plan
- Confirm funding sources
- Work with the U.T. System Office of Capital Projects to develop project definitions, scope, phasing, and implementation



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