

Resolution 23-01***Approval of Campus Facilities Master Plan dated July 21, 2022***

WHEREAS, Governors State University's strategic plan, *GSU Strategy 2025*, sets forth a strategic objective of "provid[ing] a campus environment and infrastructure that supports learning/teaching and scholarly/ creative activities" as essential to academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, The University's institutional accreditor, the Higher Learning Commission, requires the University to "engage[] in systematic planning and improvement," including by "allocat[ing] its resources in alignment with its mission and priorities" as a condition of accreditation pursuant to Criterion 5(C)(1);

WHEREAS, The University has convened an advisory task force charged with developing a facilities master plan;

WHEREAS, The University's advisory task force has worked diligently to assess current facilities utilization, conduct a needs assessment for current and future use, analyze resources and constraints such as real estate, public access to campus, zoning, vegetation, and easements, and consider input from a variety of stakeholders;

WHEREAS, The University has retained the firm of Demonica Kemper Architects to support the advisory task force and prepare a comprehensive facilities master plan;

WHEREAS, The advisory task force has prepared a comprehensive Facilities Master Plan attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A (the "Plan");

WHEREAS, The President of the University, Cheryl Green, Ph.D., recommends adoption of the Plan;

WHEREAS, The Board has reviewed the process and completed Plan thoroughly and is satisfied with the process applied and resulting recommendations; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees ("Board") deems it in the best interest of the University to adopt a facilities master plan to serve as a flexible framework to shape future development and growth of capital improvements, which are contingent upon factors such as further approvals and funding, and to fulfill its strategic planning priorities and accreditation requirements;

Resolved, That the Board approves the Campus Facilities Master Plan, dated July 21, 2022, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

This Resolution is effective August 5, 2022.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on August 5, 2022.



By: Jim Kvedaras

Title: Board Secretary