



## EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

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### **Update on Major Projects January 2016**

**Fine Arts Instructional Center** – The construction of this 118,000 square foot facility was substantially completed in December of 2015. During the fall months, delivery and installation of equipment took place as well as the move of faculty and staff from Shafer Hall to the Fine Arts Instructional Center. We open for classes next week!

**Shafer Hall Renovations** – This project will renovate the 1946 building, which is one of Eastern's earliest buildings. Shafer Hall will be renovated for residential use. We are introducing a new loft-style apartment for this building along with some two- and four-person suites. The building will house approximately 90 students. Shafer Auditorium will be renovated and retained for use as an assembly space. The Harry Hope Theatre will be renovated for recreation space that will be designed for use by students campus-wide. The project will also include upgrades to electrical, HVAC, plumbing, sprinklers, and heating as well as new windows and repairs to the building skin. The building will meet the State of Connecticut High Performance Building Regulations, which strive to match the USGBC LEED Silver Certification Standards. We are in the design development phase of this project. The design process is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2016, and asbestos abatement will begin early in the spring to allow a construction start for the summer of 2016. The project is scheduled to be completed and ready for occupancy in December 2017.

**Goddard Hall/Communication Building Renovations** – This project will renovate both Goddard Hall and the Communication building, providing for newly-renovated classrooms, labs and offices. The project will also include new electrical, HVAC, plumbing, sprinklers and heating upgrades. Windows will be replaced, and building skin improvements will be addressed. Once renovated, these buildings will meet the State of Connecticut High Performance Building Regulations. The programming phase, which includes general programmatic layouts has been completed and proposed phasing options have been outlined. The design contract is being processed, and the design process will kick off this winter.

**Campus Master Plan** – Every 7 to 10 years the University undergoes a Master Planning Process. Eastern completed Master Plans in 1992, 1997 and 2007. The Master Planning Process guides the University in capital needs based on space utilization, program projections and facility conditions for the next 10 years. Over the summer we held several meetings to further define space needs and overall goals for the Master Plan and to review possible options for the future development of the campus. This past fall we held a Town Hall style meeting, a meeting with the Student Government Association, and a meeting with the Faculty Senate to gather feedback on the proposed plan. A final review of the plan is underway and scheduled to be forwarded to the Board of Regents before the end of January.

**Re-Surface Baseball Infield** – The baseball stadium was completed in 1998 and has seen continual use since its opening. This project will re-furbish the infield. The design is complete and the project is out to bid. Construction is expected to begin in May 2016.

**Replace Sports Lighting - Baseball Field** – In March of 2015, a concrete lighting pole at the baseball field collapsed. Facilities conducted a structural review of the remaining poles and found that four additional poles had structural issues requiring immediate action. As a result, all of the poles were removed, and a project was initiated to hire an engineer to design new lighting for the field. The design was completed over the summer, and construction began in the fall. The lights have been substantially completed.

**Campus Sidewalk Replacement** – This project will continue our effort to repair sidewalks throughout campus.

**Pride Center** – The current Pride Room is being replaced with a Pride Center. The new Center is being designed to allocate more space as it connects with the other Centers in the Unity Wing of the Student Center. The design is underway, and we expect to apply for a building permit late this spring and bid for summer construction. The space will be available in the fall of 2016.

**Parking Garage – Upgrade Lighting** – Eastern is working with Eversource to replace the existing lighting in both the Shakespeare and Cervantes Garages with new energy efficient LED lighting. The project is scheduled to kick off this winter and will be completed by April 30, 2017. This initiative will allow us to save a tremendous amount of energy in lighting these garages.