ACTION ITEM: Master Plan for the South Campus of the Greensboro Center for Innovative Development, the Joint Millennial Campus of UNCG and NC A&T

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In February 2003, the concept for a “Joint” Millennial Campus (JMC) was presented to the UNC Office of the President indicating the potential for collaborative opportunities between UNCG and NC A&T. Later that year, the Joint Millennial Campus was introduced to the community.

In September 2003, in order to create an efficient vehicle to manage the UNCG/NC A&T Joint Millennial Campus, a separate 501(c)3 not-for-profit was established. The newly formed organization is known as the Greensboro Center for Innovative Development (GCID). The GCID is charged with the management and development of the properties that represent the JMC.

In September 2005, a Management Services and Development Agreement (MSDA) between the GCID, NC A&T and UNCG was approved and executed by each party’s respective board of trustees. The MSDA formally establishes a working relationship between the two universities and the GCID for future development. Section I.F. of the MSDA states, “The Universities shall lease to GCID any or all property designated as the JMC, subject to necessary governmental approvals. Such leases shall be long-term leases for nominal consideration.”

In January 2006, a Ground Lease was approved and recommended for approval by the Board of Governors to facilitate the GCID’s ability to perform its role as manager/developer for the universities of the properties identified as the JMC. The ground lease document was based on a model previously used by several UNC campuses, including UNCG and NC A&T and was reviewed by the Office of the President.

The purpose of this action is to request approval from this Board of the Master Plan for the South Campus of the JMC (75 acres adjacent to the NC A&T Farm). This plan will be the guiding document with which the GCID, in concert with the Universities, will develop a research park similar to Centennial Campus at North Carolina State University. Upon consultation between the firm of BJAC/Sasaki, UNCG and NC A&T representatives from Academic Affairs, Research, and Facilities the following issues were included in the development of the Master Plan:
Roads
Pedestrian walkways
Building placement
Infrastructure development
Potential building use

A copy of the Master Plan report will be made available on the Board of Trustees web site.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro approve the Master Plan for the South Campus of the Greensboro Center for innovative development.

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