

**THE PROJECT**

DOBER LIDSKY MATHEY (DLM) was retained to develop a comprehensive campus plan for the University that addresses facility needs, both building and site, for the next twenty years. This project was led by DLM with Lose & Associates as sub-consultants to handle site infrastructure and building condition issues. Concurrently, DLM began another assignment, which was as facility programmer for two high-priority projects on the MTSU campus new space for the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences and for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences.

**CHALLENGE**

By all measures, the MTSU campus lacks sufficient space to adequately support its current and anticipated academic programs. In addition to the need for academic space, student support space and recreation space is needed. The campus also seriously lacks landscaped open space. Surface parking lots occupy 20 percent of the campus open area. The pedestrian walkway pattern is confusing and campus gateways are not clearly marked.

**SOLUTION**

The campus planning process was designed to be participatory and to gain consensus from the many university constituents. To improve MTSU's public image, the gateways to campus will be enhanced with new signage and landscaping. To support a pedestrian campus, major north-south and east-west walkways will be developed, anchored at the periphery with Admissions space combined with related offices to create a one-stop-shop for student services and new parking decks. By minimizing the need for on-grade parking, sites for campus open space, new buildings, and play fields and courts will become available.

Besides the new space for the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences and the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, projected facilities will consist of: general academic buildings, a facility to accommodate interdisciplinary centers, a performing arts center, a student center, student housing, administrative facilities, and parking decks. Combinations of existing and new space are also planned including expansion of the library.



ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN 2007

**RESULTS**

MTSU has begun to implement the Campus Plan with construction of the Education and Sciences buildings and the new student center. Other plan elements will be acted on as funds permit.

**AWARD**

American School & University 2008 "Architectural Portfolio" award for Outstanding Design in Campus Master Planning for work on the MTSU Campus Master Plan 2007.



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