

UNIVERSITY of
NORTHERN COLORADO



Department of Facilities Management

**AMENDMENT TO FACILITIES MASTER PLAN
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The 2003 UNC Facilities Master Plan is being amended to reflect changing need related to Bishop Lehr Hall and Michener Library.

The 2003 Master Plan identified the desire to renovate Bishop Lehr Hall to house a student services center. A 1999 program plan for this renovation estimated the cost at \$30 million in 1999 dollars. Bishop Lehr Hall has been vacant since 2003. The building continues to be a drain on maintenance and utility system resources and has experienced significant vandalism. The university has determined that demolition of the building is preferable to investing in the numerous deferred maintenance issues that have been identified. Due to changes in the fiscal climate of the State of Colorado which resulted in a reduction of capital appropriations for state agencies, the university has made commensurate revisions to its capital planning priorities. The changing economic conditions of the state have resulted in a reassessment of the priorities for UNC's physical plant and campus infrastructure with a goal to maximize the use of limited state resources. In 2004, the Board of Trustees approved a strategic plan, *Charting the Future*, which serves as the foundation of a comprehensive planning process for the university. As a result, the UNC Facilities Master Plan is amended as follows:

The centralization of essential student academic support programs remains a priority for the campus as identified in the 2003 Facilities Master Plan. The lower level of Michener Library has been identified as an appropriate space for development of the academic support programs. Several support programs have already been relocated to Michener Library. The remaining portions of the Michener Library lower level should be reconfigured to house additional academic support functions. Bishop Lehr Hall should be demolished to eliminate ongoing operating expenses and future controlled maintenance requests.