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PHASING

Since acquisition of the Lourdes property is being proposed as this plan is being developed, obvious freedoms are being taken to orchestrate possible Main Campus reorganization. Should the negotiations not result in the University's acquisition of the Lourdes property, then there are several alternatives, which have not been portrayed here. At the proper time, those scenarios can and should be explored, but they are not a part of the scope of this study.

MAIN CAMPUS

The Main Campus space needs analysis indicates that the basic academic requirements of the University's undergraduate programs can be met within existing renovated space in this sector. There are, however, specific functional needs, which are required now to meet the demand of specific programs such as engineering, architecture, and nursing. It is proposed that nursing be allowed to relocate within the next few years to the St. Landry Corridor site, either temporarily within existing space or built-to-suit space, conditioned on available funds. Relocations of departments, programs, and undergraduate research programs can then be allowed. These shifts would allow better efficiencies and meet the requirements of their respective missions. These adjustments should occur over the next 7 to 10 years based on need and available funding.

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The primary focus for obtaining and shifting the Lourdes Medical facility is to create a new nursing facility and a broadened medical concentration. Relocation of the nursing college enables the restructuring of the Main Campus. This, too, will allow the University to begin considering expanding its biomedical research potential, something that will further not only the academic bridge to University Common, but no doubt the physical land connections as well.

UNIVERSITY COMMON

In many ways, University Common can begin independently moving forward with the development of real estate within the district as defined. Market studies indicate fairly aggressive potential for significant mixed-use, which will enhance any University mission, including research, athletics and community-supported amenities, such as the performing arts center and an expanded convention center. It is suggested that the University begin immediately developing strategies supported by covenants and restrictions directly related to various development approaches and types of uses.

