

DISCUSSION DRAFT

SUNY Master Plan 2012-2020: Overview

Education Law Requirements

- The **Board of Regents** develops a Statewide Plan for Higher Education for the Governor's approval every eight years based on master plans submitted by each sector of higher education. (*Section 237*)
- The **SUNY Board of Trustees** adopts or updates a long-range plan and submits it to the Board of Regents and the Governor for approval every four years. Required elements are: plans for new curricula; plans for new facilities; plans for change in policies with respect to student admissions; projected student enrollments; comments upon the State University's relationship to other colleges and universities within the state; and, for informational purposes only, projection standards and overall expenditure projections of capital and operating costs. (*Section 354*)

Board of Regents Requirements for the SUNY Master Plan 2012-2020

In April 2011, the Board of Regents requested that 2012-2020 master plans be submitted by June 1, 2012. Its *Bulletin of the Statewide Plan for Higher Education 2012-2020* identified "statewide topics of concern...for consideration by New York's higher education system" under five themes that are expected to be addressed by each sector:

1. Strengthen connections between the higher education and P-12 education functions of The University of the State of New York.
2. Strengthen connections of higher education with other functions of The University of the State of New York.
3. Strengthen connections between higher education and other parts of the State's social and economic structure.
4. Improve access, quality, and performance of higher education.
5. Address out-of-state institutions' interest in serving New Yorkers.

[N.B. *The University of the State of New York is the legal entity overseen by the Board of Regents that includes all pre-school through post-graduation education as well as all cultural institutions and 48 licensed professions.*]

Recent History of SUNY Master Plans

Past master plans submitted by the SUNY Board of Trustees have included *Rethinking SUNY* (for 1996-2000) as well as *SUNY Master Plan 2000-2004* and the *SUNY Master Plan 2004-2008*, which focused on Mission Review I and II respectively. Each contained the required elements and reflected the Board's priorities and strategic approaches of its time.

Proposed Timeline for SUNY Master Plan 2012-2020

The SUNY Master Plan 2012-2020 will contain *The Power of SUNY*, the University's strategic plan, accompanied the Regents required elements. To meet the June 1, 2012 deadline, the following timeline is proposed.

January 24-25, 2012	Chancellor briefs Board of Trustees on Master Plan 2012-2020 requirements and work plan.
February 2012	Chancellor circulates draft Master Plan to University community for review and comment.
March 27-28, 2012	Chancellor circulates penultimate draft Master Plan to Trustees and University community for comment.
May 9-10, 2012	Chancellor seeks Board of Trustees approval of a final draft Master Plan.
June 1, 2012	Chancellor transmits SUNY Master Plan 2012-2020 to Governor, Commissioner, and Regents.