

Designation of Millennial Campus – Western Carolina University

The 2000 session of the General Assembly authorized the Board of Governors to designate a Millennial Campus at each constituent institution when the Board finds that such a designation will enhance the economic development of the region served by the constituent institution. The legislation states that the Board should act on the recommendation of the President after the President has consulted with the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees. The designation shall be based on the express finding that the institution has the administrative and fiscal capacity to create and maintain such a campus. Each Millennial Campus would function in a manner similar to the Centennial Campus at North Carolina State University and each would be exempt from the provisions of the Umstead Act.

The Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University has requested that the Board of Governors designate as a Millennial Campus the recently acquired 344.77 acres located on the west side of NC Hwy. 107 and the following buildings located on the east side of NC Hwy. 107: Outreach Center (formerly known as the Camp Lab School), Graham Building (former student health center); and Moore Building (current home to Allied Health Programs). The Millennial Campus would be developed to enhance the research, teaching and service missions of WCU by relying on its respective strengths in the advanced manufacturing, human learning systems, media and media content, molecular biosciences, retirement, aging and education. The President has completed the required consultations and recommends that the Board approve the request. The campus has the administrative and fiscal capacity that is required; and the activities to be performed on the Millennial Campus would advance regional economic development.

It is recommended that 344.77 acres and the Outreach Center, the Graham Building, and the Moore Building be designated as a Millennial Campus.