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GOAL 1: Florida Atlantic University is committed to the provision of a plan for facilities consistent with needs established by its mission and concomitant with sound financial planning.

Objective 1A: To provide facilities necessary to accommodate future growth, replace obsolete facilities, and correct existing deficiencies as identified in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, FAU will implement the following policies:

- **Policy 1A-1:** The University, in cooperation with the State University System’s Board of Governors and in conformance with the priorities outlined in this element of the master plan, shall schedule and fund capital improvements identified in the University’s Capital Improvement Plan.
- **Policy 1A-2:** The University Board of Trustees, in conjunction with the University President and the Vice President for Administrative Affairs, shall evaluate, rank, and revise as necessary the order of priorities for facilities and projects set forth in the University’s Capital Improvement Plan.
- **Policy 1A-3:** The following criteria should be utilized to evaluate and rank proposed capital improvements in order of priority:
 - o Elimination of existing capacity deficits as determined by the level of service standards adopted as part of this plan
 - o Consistency with the frameworks established as part of this master plan
 - o Locational placement consistent with the Future Land Use Element adopted as part of this plan
 - o Consideration and consistency with approved development agreements and plans of other entities that use facilities at FAU
 - o Identification and availability of adequate funding for the project
 - o Incorporation of additional study findings regarding the replacement, renewal and construction of capital facilities (e.g. educational plant survey, housing master plan)

Objective 1B: The University will continue to incorporate in its facility planning the elements necessary to ensure annual review of capital renewal, ADA, fire safety, and other projects related to code compliance and health and safety matters. The following policies will be implemented to support this objective:

- **Policy 1B-1:** Facilities Management, in coordination with Physical Plant, will continue to provide an annual submission of Minor Projects that lists refurbishing, renovation, and remodeling projects to correct existing deficiencies, accommodate growth, and replace worn out facilities as part of the University facility planning process.
- **Policy 1B-2:** Individual projects shall continue to be recommended through established procedures for special appropriation consistent with established University priorities and goals.
- **Policy 1B-3:** Emergency projects or unanticipated projects resulting from enrollment or programmatic changes shall be reviewed using the same process as the annual budget, stressing participation and communication.

Objective 1C: The University shall create a participative environment for review of facility plans on an annual basis, incorporating input from all appropriate segments of the University community to ensure operational capabilities are consistent with facility plans.

- **Policy 1C-1:** The operational needs for each facility, whether new construction or remodeling/ renovation of an existing facility, shall be incorporated in the annual fiscal/ educational planning process.

Objective 1D: In order to ensure adherence to sound fiscal policies in providing the capital improvements identified in this campus master plan, the University shall not proceed with new capital improvements, expansions, or replacements until adequate funding sources have been identified and committed.

- **Policy 1D-1:** FAU shall continue to follow established University policies to integrate capital improvements funding in its annual budgeting process.

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