

Item: II.a.

### Wednesday, October 25, 2017

### SUBJECT: HOUSING P3 INITIATIVE

#### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

No Board action is required at this time; informational only.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Student housing is a critical component to the student's campus experience and to the University's enrollment management objectives. The University desires to grow its residential offerings on both the Boca and Jupiter campuses in support of this vision.

A market analysis indicates that housing demand will exceed current inventory should enrollment projections be achieved for both the Boca and Jupiter campuses. The University's focus on enrollment management initiatives in recent years has strengthened the stability of the undergraduate population and enhanced market demand for on-campus housing. The University is committed to continuing its pursuit of the established recruitment, retention, progression, and graduation objectives. On the Boca campus, replacing targeted existing housing assets with new facilities expedites the need for new housing in the near future. Current Boca assets that are to be considered for demolition and replacement are Algonquin and University Village Apartments. On the Jupiter Campus, Honors College enrollment growth relies on the University's ability to provide on-campus housing opportunities due to limited rental options surrounding this campus. The first phase of the recommended project concept includes:

- > Jupiter Campus: New 150-bed residential facility to open by Fall 2020;
- > Boca Campus: Demolition of Algonquin Residence Hall prior to Fall 2019; and
- > Boca Campus: New 500-bed residential facility on the Algonquin site to open by Fall 2021.

On higher education campuses across the country, there are a range of capital project delivery models that exist (i.e., self-finance, affiliated DSO/foundation, public-private partnerships). Determining which model to use depends on market conditions and the institution's desired level of risk. Through several discussions about the project delivery strategy at the University, it was determined that the model for our purposes must primarily minimize any impact to the University's credit rating or ability to access debt for future projects. As such, the preference is to pursue a partnership with a National Non-Profit 501c3 owner. The primary reasons for selecting this type of partnership are as follows:

- > Achieves risk transfer objectives related to debt and credit impact;
- > Allows the University to receive net cash flow generated by the project; and
- > Allows the University to engage a committed long-term partner.

Through this structure, there is also an opportunity to bundle the existing Jupiter housing assets into the partnership by defeasing the existing debt, and refinancing the outstanding principal with the new project. This benefit of the bundling approach ultimately reduces enrollment and occupancy risk for the partner and enhances the attractiveness of the project opportunity. Another key component of the partnership opportunity is the management agreement. FAU's existing management agreement terminates in July 2021. FAU is able to include, as part of the solicitation package, an opportunity for the partner to perform management services for both the Boca and Jupiter campuses. When combined, the total development and management opportunity elevates the profile of the solicitation in the marketplace.

The University intends to issue a competitive solicitation for the proposed project with a National Non-Profit 501c3. The solicitation would comport with the Board of Governors' Public-Private Partnership Guidelines.

#### IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

Upon selection of a proposed P3 partner in 2018, the proposed P3 agreement would be presented to this Board for approval, and then submitted to the Board of Governors for approval.

#### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

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Supporting Documentation: PowerPoint presentation

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## **Meeting Objectives**

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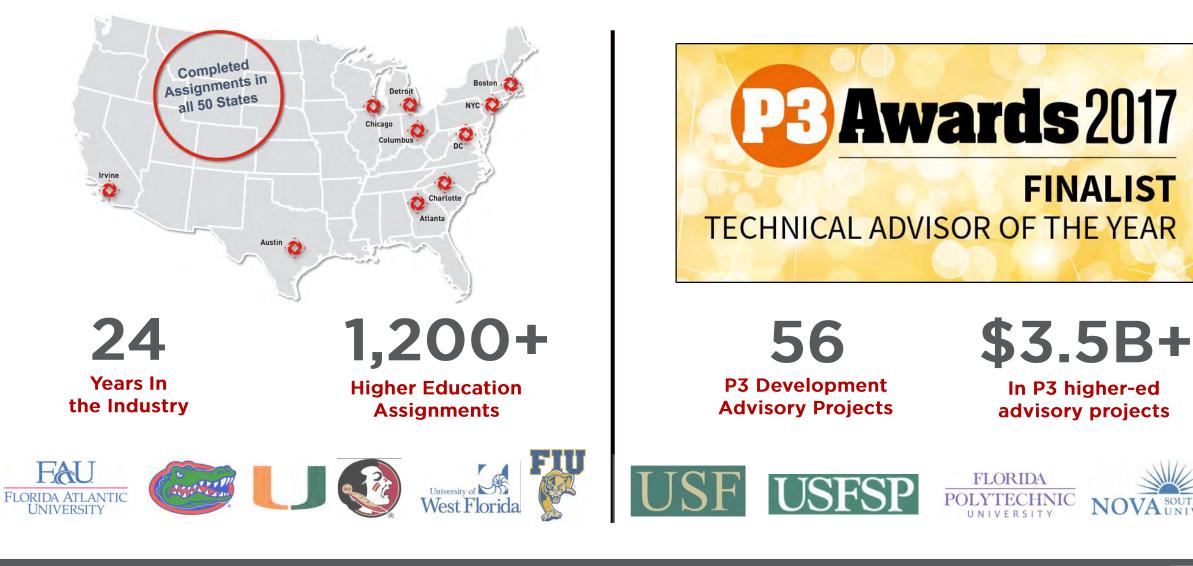
2 Introduce the implementation process and establish how BoT will be engaged

**3** Address BoT questions and seek support to issue partnership solicitation





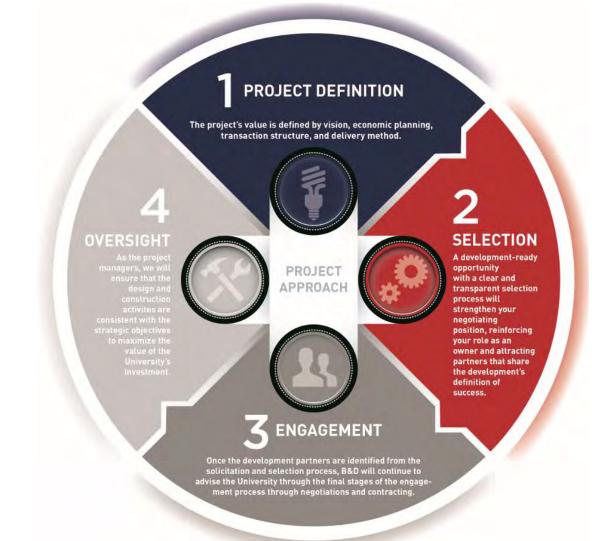
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## **Planning Process Overview**

**B&D Project Approach Methodology** 



*B&D's process aims to maximize institutional control and decision-making power from start to finish* 



# **Planning Process Overview**

**Process and Schedule** 

### **Key Planning Questions**

- What are FAU's strategic housing objectives?
- How much housing demand exists on both the Boca and Jupiter campuses?
- How does FAU's changing enrollment profile impact demand?
- If excess demand exists, how and when should FAU pursue additional housing?

### **Project Definition Schedule**

February 2017

Project Kick-Off Market Analysis

April 2017

Market Findings Presentation to ELT Value for Money ("VFM") Analysis

July / August 2017

Project Definition Presentation to Dr. Kelly Board of Trustees Preparation / Next Steps





## **Targeted Strategic Outcomes**

### **Mission and Vision**

### FAU Strategic Plan (2015 – 2025)

- Deploy a comprehensive <u>enrollment</u> <u>management strategy</u>
- Recruit + retain highest quality students
- Develop academic support structure for <u>retention</u> and graduation

### **Student Affairs Mission and Vision**

 "We equip students with necessary tools to achieve <u>academic</u>, personal, and career <u>success</u>"

### <u>Campus MP – Housing Element (2009)</u>

- Maintain and enhance the quality of FAU housing
- Increase utilization of FAU housing

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 Ensure adequate housing and support facilities to meet future needs

### **Student Affairs Mission and Vision**

- Housing is critical in supporting FTIC <u>recruitment</u> and matriculation
- Housing will align with students' <u>development</u> continuum
- Housing will support QoL integration

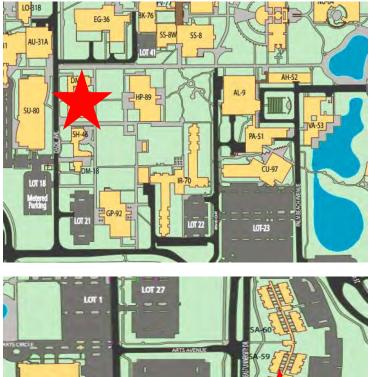




# Project Concept – Boca Campus

- Phase I Concept. ~500 beds targeting upper division students
  - Project will include demolition of Algonquin and the student housing offices
  - Objective: Provide new, affordable housing in the campus core
- Phase II Concept. Up to 1,000 beds targeting upper division and graduate students
  - Project will include demolition of UVA
  - Objective: Support upper division and graduate housing demand near campus core

\*FAU to ensure that future phases on UVA site align with impending Campus Master Plan Update







# **Project Concept – Jupiter Campus**

- Phase I Concept. ~150 beds targeting upper division students
  - Project will be 'apartment-style' beds that enhances independent living
  - Objective: Support housing needs as enrollment growth occurs
- Phase II Concept. ~150 beds targeting upper division students
  - Project will be 'apartment-style' beds that enhances independent living
  - Objective: Respond to continued Honors College enrollment growth







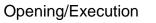


## **Project Concept – Summary**

	2017 – 2018	2018 – 2019	2019 – 2020	2020– 2021	2021 – 2022	2022 – 2023	2023 – 2024	2024 – 2025
Non-Physical Partnership Components								
Operating Agreement – All FAU Housing Assets								
Jupiter – Defeasance of Existing Housing Bank Loan								
Projects / Initiatives								
Boca Phase I - Demolish Algonquin								
Jupiter Phase I – 150-Bed, Apartment-Style Housing Project								
Boca Phase I – 500-Bed, Full Suite-Style Housing Project on Algonquin Site								
Boca Phase II – Partial Demolition of University Village Apartments (As Needed for Project Footprint)								
Jupiter Phase II – 150-Bed, Apartment-Style Housing Project								
Boca Phase II – Up to 1,000-Bed, Apartment-Style Housing Project on UVA Site and Remaining UVA Demolition								

\*FAU's existing 3<sup>rd</sup>-party management agreement expires prior to Fall 2021

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# **Project Delivery - FAU Risk Transfer Profile**

Value for Money Analysis Overview

- Design and Construction
  - Desire to control some aspects of design and building program.
  - Delivery risk (including timeline) should be shifted to partner

Financial

- Strong desire to minimize impact to FAU's balance sheet and credit rating
- Operations + Maintenance
  - Retain control of academic and res life programming
  - Facility and custodial responsibilities should be assumed by partner (assuming ability to negotiate the "right" deal for FAU)

External Events

Partner will accept Force Majeure risk prior to construction



# National 501c3 Partnership

**Targeted P3 Structure** 

### Recommended Ownership Structure to Pursue - National 501c3

- Limited expected impact to FAU's credit rating
- ◆ Cash flow returns to the University
- ◆ Ability to transfer risk financing, delivery, and operating risk
- ◆ Maintain control over program, design, budget, and construction decisions
- Free up FAU Foundation debt capacity
- Engage with a long-term partner who is invested in the health and marketability of the assets
- Opportunity to bundle the project opportunity into one financing





# **Future Housing System**

In pursuing a National 501c3 partnership for the projects, FAU will continue to:

- Be responsible for meeting existing debt service obligations on the Boca Campus
- Support all Boca and Jupiter housing with administrative support services (assignments, billings, marketing, programming)
- Engage with a partner to provide facility-related services for all Boca and Jupiter housing
- Allocate excess cash flow to support future housing reinvestment and capital projects



# **Terms of Engagement**

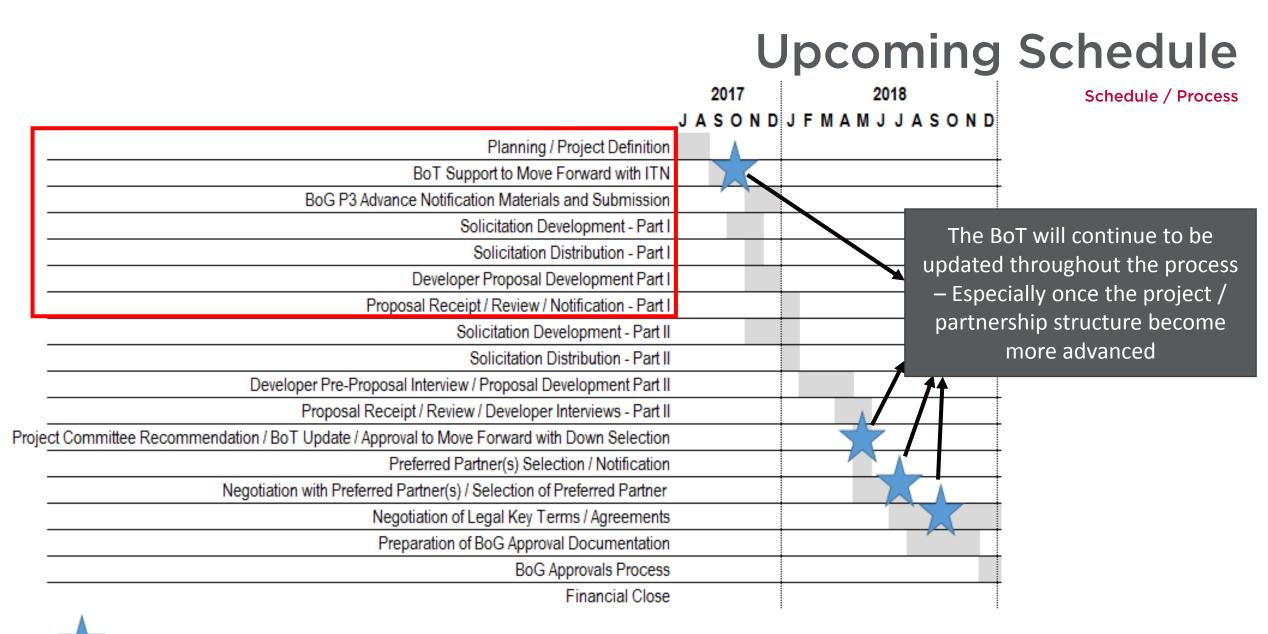
National 501c3 Partnership

Through this project definition process, FAU is now empowered to dictate the proposal terms

- Development opportunity for Jupiter and Boca
- Facility management opportunity for Jupiter and Boca
- ◆ Targeted delivery timeline
- Partnership / risk transfer objectives and FAU's vision
- Design and construction guidelines
- ◆ Ground lease duration











### **Next Steps**

Next Steps: Initiate an Invitation to Negotiate process and the BoG Advanced Notification process with BoT's support to move forward





### Questions / Discussion







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