ELEMENT 14 – Capital Improvements Element

Goal 1

The University is committed to the provision of a plan for facilities consistent with the needs established by its mission, and concomitant with sound financial planning that includes fiscal projections and political realities.

Objective 1A

To provide facilities necessary to accommodate future growth, replace obsolete facilities, and, correct existing deficiencies as identified in the 10-year Capital Improvements Schedule.

Policy 1A-1

FAU, in cooperation with the Board of Governors and in conformance with priorities established in Policy 1A-3, schedule and fund capital improvements identified in the 10-year Capital Improvements Schedule.

Policy 1A-2

The University Board of Trustees in conjunction with the University Architects Office shall evaluate, rank and revise the order of priority as necessary for facilities and projects identified in the 10-year Capital Improvements Schedule.

Policy 1A-3

FAU shall evaluate and rank proposal capital improvements in order of priority according to the following criteria:

1. Elimination of existing capacity deficits as determined by the level of service standards adopted as part of this plan;
2. Determination of consistency with the individual elements adopted as part of this plan;
3. Consideration and consistency with University-approved development agreements and plans of other entities that use facilities at FAU;
4. Location placement consistent with the Future Land Use Element adopted as part of this plan;
5. Identification and availability of adequate funding for the project; and
6. Incorporation of additional study findings called for by this plan regarding the replacement and renewal of capital facilities (i.e., educational plant survey).

Objective 1B

The University shall provide a participative environment for review of facility plans on an annual basis, through its organizational structure, incorporating the view points and input of all appropriate segments of the University community to assure operational capabilities are consistent with facility plans.
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Policy 1B-1

The development of capital project projections consistent with Board of Trustees rules and regulations is incorporated in the overall financial planning process of the University; the financial planning process of the University; the financial planning process is incorporated in the educational planning process consistent with the Southern Association of Colleges and School Criteria for Accreditation Section 6 (specifically 6.3 & 6.4).

Policy 1B-2

The development of the facility plan, through the participation process, shall insure that communication of plans is provided throughout the University community so impact of the plans can be reviewed by as many entities as possible, to ensure the best possible depiction of the impact and cost of the facility.

Policy 1B-3

The operational needs for each facility within new construction or remodeling/renovation of an existing facility are incorporated in the annual fiscal/educational planning process. The University planning process carefully coordinates the opening of a new or newly renovated facility with the impact on the campus and community to assure optimal provision of service and minimum negative impact on the infrastructure, consistent with the precepts of concurrency planning.

Objective 1C

The University, through the Facility Planning and Physical Plant Departments, incorporates in the facility plan the elements necessary to assure an annual review of capital renewal, ADA, fire safety, and other projects related to code compliance and health/safety matters.

Policy 1C-1

The Facilities Planning Departments, in coordination with Physical Plant provides and annual submission of Minor Projects, in accordance with funds appropriated as per FS 1013.64 that lists refurbishing, renovation, and remodeling projects to correct existing deficiencies, accommodate growth and replace worn out facilities as part of the overall University facility planning process.

Policy 1C-2

Individual projects are recommended for special appropriation (e.g. ADA) consistent with established University priorities and goals, through established procedures.

Policy 1C-3

Emergency projects or unanticipated requirements based on enrollment or programmatic changes are proposed and reviewed using the same process as the annual budget, stressing participation and communication.
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Policy 1C-4

The Facility Planning and Physical Plant area consistent with the University planning process, shall consider the plans of colleges, other entities or organizations or agencies that provide facilities on the University campuses.

Objective 1D

FAU shall base the coordination of land use decisions associated with the implementation of capital improvements upon the development requirements of this plan, the development agreements called for by this plan and the availability of necessary facilities needed to support this development at the time needed.

Policy 1D-1

FAU shall negotiate and enter into a campus development agreement with St Lucie County which addresses the requirements and provisions of this plan and those required by Section 1013.30 F.S. At minimum, the campus development agreement shall:

- Identify the geographic area covered by the agreement;
- Establish the duration of the agreement (5-10 years);
- Identify Level Of Service (LOS) standards for public services and facilities, the entity to provide these services and facilities, and any financial arrangements between the Board of Trustees and the service provider;
- Determine impact of proposed campus development on identified public services and facilities, and any deficiencies likely to occur as a result;
- Identify facility improvements to correct deficiencies;
- Identify the Board of Trustees “fair share” of the costs of needed improvements; and
- Be consistent with adopted campus master plan and host local government comprehensive plan.

Policy 1D-2

FAU shall use the level of service standards adopted as part of this plan in implementing the capital improvements identified in this campus master plan.
Objective 1E-1

FAU shall continue to adopt a 10-year Capital Improvement Program and annual capital budget as part of its annual budgeting progress.

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Policy 1E-2

FAU shall continue to adhere to existing capital improvement programming procedures adopted by the Board of Governors and shall amend this master plan, as needed, to revise the Capital Improvement Program priorities established in the 10-year Capital Improvements Schedule on an annual basis.

Policy 1E-3

FAU shall continue to rely on State funds for the funding and implementation of capital projects listed in the 10-year Capital Improvements Schedule.

Policy 1E-4

FAU shall fund and implement capital improvements listed as Auxiliary Fund Source identified and anticipated to be received over the 10-year planning period listed in the 10-year Capital Improvements Schedule.

Policy 1E-5

FAU shall ensure that future facility costs and programming efforts include consideration of the following:

1. Site improvements;
2. Utility extension and easements;
3. Parking needs and traffic circulation improvements;
4. Compliance with applicable policies and standards.