Goal 1

To establish excellence in architectural design that will help produce an attractive and functional campus. (See Appendix 1-Architectural and Landscape Guidelines reference manual)

Objective 1A

FAU will seek to enrich the architectural envelopes of the new buildings on campus by using and enhancing the ideas that respond to an environmental environment.

Policy 1A-1

The designers of new facilities throughout the campus will use, as major aesthetic elements, the shading devices that shield a building’s envelope from the hot South Florida sun. Elements to consider using include setbacks, overhangs, and arcades, which may occur at any floor level and can be accomplished by using columns, floor slabs, and balconies as shading devices.

Policy 1A-2

When developing the building’s envelope, the architect and the mechanical engineer must balance the building’s envelope efficiency with the indoor air quality.

Objective 1B

When the correct programmatic and functional reasons exist, smaller identifiable outdoor nodes should be created.

Policy 1B-1

In the making of these small-scale courts, the designer should take great care with the scale and also color of the paving material. The ground plane is one area where color can be used as a design feature. The courts must be developed with a close collaboration between architect and landscape architect.

Objective 1C

Develop covered walkways which architecturally respond to building entries, activity spaces, and landscape architecture.

Policy 1C-1

The new covered walkways should follow the overall scale of the existing system, but should explore and exploit shade and shadow. The walkways should continue using a concrete framework; but, in order to lighten their expression, attachments of metal elements, i.e. handrails, trellis, shading devices, could be employed. Landscape elements can be integrated into the design.
Policy 1C-2

Building entry canopies should be welcoming and inviting, they should become building markers to pedestrians using the walkways, so that as one proceeds down the walkway, the experience is enriching as well as informative.

Objective 1D

The University should develop the protocol of establishing a materials palette for the HBOI Campus.

Policy 1D-1

The basic building material is stucco, concrete, either cast-in-place architectural, pre-cast architectural, concrete with plaster finish or a ground face concrete masonry unit. Additional colors or materials will be considered on a case by case basis and will be approved by the University.

Policy 1D-2

Added color should be limited to ground plane materials such as brick paving or colored concrete and to building accents such as entry canopies, handrails, graphics, and site furniture.

Policy 1D-3

Glass should be clear or tinted, but not reflective or mirrored finish, and should not be so heavily tinted that it becomes opaque. Tinted or lightly tinted glass may need additional shading by using exterior shading devices (see Policy 1A-1) and interior shades. Tinted glass on buildings should match the standard established.

Objective 1E

The University will select the appropriate architectural impact for new facilities and facility improvements/additions based on a considered balance between dominant and subordinate buildings, allowing for different University needs: aesthetic, functional, and programmatic.

Policy 1E-1

Follow the future building site plan which locates future building sites.

Objective 1F

Follow the appropriate codes and standards necessary and required for the development of new projects on Campus.

Policy 1F-1

The University will maintain a listing of all current codes and standards by which all Campus development projects will be approved and constructed.
Policy 1F-2

The University will provide the design professionals for all campus development projects with listing of all the current codes and standards followed by the University at the time of development.