
FAU TREASURE COAST MASTER PLAN

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN GUIDELINES ELEMENT

Goal 1

To establish excellence in architectural design that will help produce an appealing and functional campus.

Objective 1A

FAU will seek to enrich the architectural envelopes of all buildings with response to the South Florida environment.

Policy 1A-1

The designers of facilities throughout the campus will use, as major aesthetic elements, shading devices that shield a building's envelope from the hot South Florida sun. Setbacks, overhangs, and arcades may occur at any floor levels.

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. FAU will be cautious of making "too tight" a building which could cause the so-called "sick building" syndrome which frequently results from the high humidity levels of South Florida.

Objective 1B

When the correct programmatic and functional reasons exist, smaller identifiable outdoor courts 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. These courts must be developed with a close collaboration between architect and landscape architect. Water features, statuary and casual seating areas are strongly recommended to be incorporated within these areas

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Objective 1C

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

Policy 1C-1

Where covered walkways are used, it is important that they remain sensitive to adjacent structures and landscaping as they explore and exploit shade and shadow.

Objective 1D

Materials native to South Florida shall be used for wall and roof coverings whenever possible.

Policy 1D-1

The basic building material is concrete, either cast-in-place architectural, pre-cast architectural, concrete with a plaster finish, brick or concrete masonry unit with either split or ground face. Natural stone is encouraged to be used where budget allows. When it is used it should be of the native Florida shell stone and limestone.

Policy 1D-2

Added color should be limited to building accents such as entry canopies, handrails, metal framing, site lighting and furnishings.

Policy 1D-3

Glass should be clear or tinted light blue, light green or light blue-green. A reflective or mirrored finish is not desired.

Objective 1E

Develop buildings and spaces to emphasize neighborhood concepts and human scale to respect and augment the traditional neighborhood development planning approach of the adjacent St. Lucie West development.

Policy 1E-1

Articulation and fenestration of buildings shall emphasize human scale at the pedestrian level.

Policy 1E-2

Public transportation facilities and shelters shall complement the adjacent campus architecture and emphasize human scale at the pedestrian level.

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