

process overview

In addition to over fifty meetings and on-campus workshops to gather input on FAU's current status and future needs, the planning team conducted an online student survey and open forums on campus. The workshops included sessions with campus committees, focus groups, leadership, faculty, and staff. This input was combined with site analysis, observation of existing conditions and facilities, input from the Facilities Staff regarding existing utilities and infrastructure, and a macro level space needs analysis.

The Space Needs Analysis Summary can be found in Appendix A of this document. In order to support 2028 enrollment growth goals, the analysis identified an additional need of almost two million assignable square feet, with the greatest future needs in Residential Life (1.1M ASF), Research (260,000 ASF), Student Life (130,000 ASF) and Study/Library (118,000 ASF) space. The University is projected to have more than enough office space to support the targeted enrollment growth. The expansive need for Residential Life space is required to enable the growth to 9,000 on-campus residential students; more than double the existing residential population.

Early in the master planning process, the planning team worked closely with the FAU Executive Committee to develop a list of guiding principles for the master plan in support of FAU's strategic goals. These planning principles are outlined on the right.



Campus Open Forums and Input Sessions

master plan principles

PROMOTE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- Design for 21st century learning environments to enhance engagement.
- Provide more meeting/study spaces to promote peer to peer and faculty to student interaction.
- Site flexible interdisciplinary spaces to promote collaborative inquiry.

ENHANCE THE LIVING/LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Create a more residential character for Boca Raton and Jupiter Campuses.
- Expand facilities and services to enhance student life and embrace diversity.
- Enhance the open space network for activities to invigorate campus life.

EXPAND RESEARCH CAPABILITIES

- Focus on the Four Pillars: Healthy Aging, Neuroscience, Ocean Science and Engineering / Environmental Sciences, Sensing and Smart Systems.
- Capitalize on synergistic opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration.

PROMOTE ATHLETICS EXCELLENCE + WELLNESS

- Increase competitiveness in Directors Cup to enhance FAU pride and identity.
- Expand recreational facilities to promote holistic growth.
- Enhance community engagement on campus through the fan experience and recreational opportunities.

LEVERAGE CAMPUS LOCATIONS + PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Promote synergistic partnerships within Boca Raton, Abacoa/Jupiter, and the South Florida region.
- Maximize research partnerships to drive innovation and spur economic development.
- Develop mixed-use opportunities on campus to create a cultural destination for the host communities.

PROMOTE HIGH PERFORMING CAMPUS SYSTEMS

- Focus on sustainable solutions to enhance natural systems and long term return on investment in built systems.
- Make the most of existing resources: efficient and effective utilization of space.
- Promote flexibility and technology in campus spaces to maximize investment and usability.