process overview

The planning team led over fifty meetings and on-campus workshops to gather input on FAU's current status and future needs. 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 approximately 240,000 assignable square feet, with the greatest future needs in Residential Life (71,000 ASF), Office/Computer (60,000 ASF), Student Life (27,000 ASF) and Teaching Lab (21,000 ASF) space. The need for Residential Life space is required to enable the growth to 600 on-campus residential students; double the existing residential population.

Early in the 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 ROI 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