Florida Gulf Coast University

Strategic Planning to Meet Future Demands in Southwest Florida
A New University for the 21st Century

Interdisciplinary approach to undergraduate education.
Use of instructional technology and distance learning
Required civic engagement for students
Ecological sustainability
Multi-year contracts for faculty as an alternative to tenure

FGCU has grown from 2,584 to 8,292 students, from 398 faculty and staff to 1,181, from 8 to 59 buildings, and from 26 to 64 degree programs in less than 10 yrs.
Enrollment Growth 1997-2006

* Current Estimate
Enrollment Growth Projections

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Southwest Florida Growth Projections

- Southwest Florida is growing at a faster rate than the rest of the state.

Campus and Facilities Growth

- Building space available on FGCU campus: 3.6 million square feet
- Already built: 1.2 million square feet
- Estimated date campus will be built out: 2016 - 2017
- Estimated enrollment at “built-out” date: 20,000 – 25,000 students
FGCU Dual Strategies to Address Future Regional Demand

• On Campus:
  • Taller buildings and more dense campus
  • Replacing surface parking with parking garages
  • Increased Distance Learning offerings

• Off Campus:
  • Acquisition of sites for future growth to develop satellite centers in high growth/demand locales
Challenges to be Addressed through Regional Satellite Centers

- Diminishing availability of land
- Soaring land and construction costs
- High fuel prices for commuting students
- Inadequate transportation infrastructure
FGCU Satellite Centers: Planned Locations in SW Florida

Each location is 45 minutes to 1 hour driving time from the FGCU main campus.
Hudson Sun-River Proposal
Potential Value to FGCU, Region, State and SUS:
$ 70 million

Some key elements:
150 acres of buildable land
$5 million for first building   $750,000 per year
Construction of initial buildings, facilities and other infrastructure