



USF Lakeland Campus Development Timeline Highlights

- January 1988 - USF Lakeland opens its doors, sharing a campus with Polk Community College on the southeast side of Lakeland
- Fall 2000 – Chancellor Adam Herbert of the Board of Regents proposes a donation of land for a new Lakeland campus
- June 2001 – At a High Tech Corridor meeting in Lakeland, Presidents Hitt and Genshaft publicly discuss the need for a new Lakeland campus
- July 2002 – Florida legislature appropriates \$1 million in planning funds for “new Lakeland campus”
- October 2002 – The Governor’s office and the Department of Education release those planning funds to USF
- November 2002 – USF’s BOT approves the RFP for the new campus site selection process
- November 2002 – Amendment creating the BOG passes
- December 2002 – The Land Acquisition Committee is appointed, and Reynolds, Smith & Hill is contracted for planning services.
- January 2003 – The new BOG meets for the first time (chaired by Tom Petway III)
- July 2003 – The new BOG’s Strategic Planning/Educational Policy Committee meets for the first time
- August 2003 – USF Lakeland Campus Board accepts recommendation of the Land Acquisition Committee to accept the Williams property
- August 2003 – Polk County’s legislative delegation conveys its support of the Williams property as the site for the new campus
- November 2003 – USF’s BOT approves the new campus site
- June 2004 – USFL submits its 10-year enrollment plan to UBOT, as requested by BOG
- November 2004 – Signing ceremony for the donation of the Williams property (530 acres)
- July 2005 - Lakeland Campus Board issues conceptual approval of the Draft Master Plan
- September 2005 - Public hearing Draft Master Plan (in Lakeland)
- October 2005 - Public presentation and Town Hall Meeting (in Lakeland) on Draft Master Plan
- Sept 2006 - USF Campus Development Committee approves Master Plan

