

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Facilities Committee
June 18, 2025**

SUBJECT: Educational Plant Survey of the University of North Florida

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Validate the Educational Plant Survey of the University of North Florida.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Sections 1013.03 and 1013.31, Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

An Educational Plant Survey (EPS or “Survey”) is required at least once every five (5) years for all public universities, per ss. 1013.03 and 1013.31, F.S. At the request of UNF, Board staff helped coordinate and facilitate the EPS two-phase multi-month-long process, as well as help ensure statutory requirements were satisfied.

Board staff participated on the Survey Team, which included volunteer staff from Florida International University and the University of Florida

The Survey report validates UNF’s current inventory of education & general (E&G) space, and it provides an assessment of future space needs based on a 5-year projection of full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrollment growth. Based on this assessment, the Survey Teams provides recommendations supporting certain university proposed capital projects, including new construction, remodeling, renovation, and demolition. The report covers the period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030. An overview of UNF’s projected total space need is reflected below.

University of North Florida
Summary of Projected Space Needs¹

Survey Year	5-Yr. Projected FTE Enrollment	5-Yr. Projected Total Space Need	Less: Current Inventory ²	Projected Net Space Need	EPS Recommended New/Added Space
2025-30	22,870	1,888,847	975,175	913,672	156,825

¹ All space represented as Net Assignable Square Feet (NASF).

² Current inventory includes incomplete projects (in terms of funding or construction) but excludes space to be demolished, and space that is ineligible for inclusion in the space needs calculation.

The Survey Team provided supporting recommendations including five (5) new construction projects, totaling approximately 156,825 n.a.s.f., listed below:

- Hicks Honors College
- GTM-NERR Research Facility (aka: C. Webb Coastal Research Station)
- Sports Performance Center, Phase II (educational component)
- Behavioral Sciences Building
- Computing Building (Addition)

The completed Survey was approved by the UNF Board of Trustees on April 23, 2025.

Supporting Documentation Included: UNF Educational Plant Survey

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