

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

SUBJECT: SUS 30 - Utilization of Space in Educational Facilities

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 1013.03, Florida Statutes, requires the Board to establish “equitably uniform utilization standards for all types of like space” (regarding Educational Facilities).

Utilization of space within Educational Facilities is a new metric in the recently adopted ‘SUS 30’ Strategic Plan.

The space within Educational Facilities is categorized into nine (9) types (e.g. Classrooms, Research Labs, Office space, etc.). Historically, only two (2) types (Classroom and Teaching Labs) were tracked for utilization, but the results were inconsistent. Due to various factors, monitoring of utilization was discontinued approximately a decade ago.

University of Central Florida (UCF) has leveraged technology to provide ‘real time’ monitoring of space utilization. The cost to UCF was approximately \$300K upfront and \$300K annually. To date, they have identified over 430,000 sq ft of under-utilized space, translating to reduced operational costs of over \$6 million annually and potential avoidance of hundreds of (\$) millions in construction costs. Currently, UCF is the only institution monitoring utilization in this manner. Systemwide, the savings could be significant.

If more universities followed suit, perhaps a systemwide contract would facilitate reduced costs, not to mention achieve Strategic Plan goals regarding ‘Shared Initiatives’.

Supporting Documentation Included:	1) Utilization of Space in Educational Facilities 2) UCF Space Utilization Roadmap
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