STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

September 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Review of Space Needs Calculation Methodology

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the Review of the State University System Space Need Calculation Methodology.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7(d), Florida Constitution, Board of Governors Regulation Development Procedures.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 1001.706(12)(e), F.S. requires the following:

"The board (Board of Governors) shall review its space need calculation methodology developed pursuant to s. 1013.31 to incorporate improvements, efficiencies, or changes. Recommendations shall be submitted to the chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate appropriations committees by October 31, 2019, and every three years thereafter."

The last review was conducted in 2022, culminating a lengthy effort by Board staff and university personnel. The Florida Council of 100 also contributed via a study they were conducting at the time, which included a series of interviews (with Board staff and the universities) that inadvertently benefitted the review process. Ultimately, a number of issues were identified, resulting in nine (9) recommendations for improvements, some of which have been implemented, and others remain ongoing works-in-progress. The latter being a proxy for the current review process. The 2025 report recommendations are summarized as follows:

- 1) Develop and adopt formal SUS guidelines for educational facilities space planning and needs assessment. [see s. 1013.31(1)(b)3, F.S.]
- 2) Develop and adopt equitably uniform utilization standards for all types of educational space in the SUS. [see s. 1013.03(2), F.S.]

Supporting Documentation Included:

Supporting documents can be found in the Facilities Committee material.