A Review of Space Needs Calculation Methodologies

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The 2019 Legislature directed the Board of Governors to:

review its space need calculation methodology developed pursuant to Section 1013.31, Florida Statutes, 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.
Work Plan

• Review of Current Space Needs Calculation Methodology
• Develop & Administer a Questionnaire on University Policies & Procedures for Academic Space assignment and management.
• Staff site visits: FAU, FGCU, FSU, UF, UWF
Educational Plant Survey

• Every Five Years.
• SUS Survey Team for On-Campus Facilities Review

• Primary activities:
  ❖ Inventory Validation
  ❖ Needs Assessment

• Formula includes Nine Space Categories.
• Report with Findings & Recommendations.
10 Question Survey

• Policies on Campus Space Assignment and Management.
• Current Educational Plant Survey process.
• National Standards for Space Criteria and Definitions.
• Open Invite for Input & Recommendations.
University Visits

• Florida Atlantic University
• Florida Gulf Coast University
• Florida State University
• University of Florida
• University of West Florida
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The Educational Plant Survey Process and the Current Space Needs Formula
The State University System Facilities Space Planners, in consultation with the Board of Governors’ Office of Finance and Facilities, should review the current space needs calculation methodology and funding formula to recommend an equitable policy and process to:

- Recognize and account for the critical components of an institution’s mission.
- Enable universities to identify one unique, institution-specific space factor for its space needs calculations.
- Recognize and account for student support services facilities.
- Consider new space needs calculation methodologies, including metrics for new buildings.

The SUS Facilities Space Planners should consult with SUS Academic Affairs and Student Affairs leaders on issues of relevance.
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Recommendation 2

The State University System Vice Presidents for Research should review the policies and procedures for the assignment, recognition, and accurate accounting of research space, research laboratory space, and research faculty office space, including Educational and General (E & G) research entities and Contracts and Grants (C & G) research entities, and make recommendations to improve the accuracy and efficiency of the SUS space needs calculation methodology.

Where appropriate, these SUS leaders should identify best practices for the System.
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- University Planning: Making Connections
- Space Management Systems
- Distinctive Educational Entities
- Critical Deferred Maintenance Needs
- Condition and Suitability of Existing Space
Recommendation 3

The Chancellor of the State University System should appoint a Space Task Force for the State University System to review university academic space needs and related facilities issues, recommend solutions to identified space problems, promote best practices for issues and conditions facing the institutions, and assist in the development of Board of Governors regulations relating to facilities and space needs.

The Task Force should include representatives of the SUS Facilities Space Planners, Academic Affairs leadership, and other experts as needed.

The Space Task Force should be coordinated by the Board’s Office of Finance and Facilities.
University Academic Space: 

Limitations, Renovations, Innovations