

Facilities Planning and Management

As stewards of the built environment, we serve to develop and maintain a living, learning, and working environment where students, faculty and staff can thrive and contribute to our global society.

Campus Space Growth and Utilization Assessment UPDATE 20/21

Implications for Practice:

1. Interdisciplinary Science Lab Building Feasibility Study needed
2. Further study of how non-instructional spaces are scheduled and utilized is needed. Identify a process of gathering similar metrics used in analysis of state instructional spaces.
3. Department staffing projections are needed to plan for future Administrative and Faculty Office space needs.

Study Follow-up:

1. Interdisciplinary Science Lab Building Feasibility Study
The campus contracted with HGA Architects to conduct the Feasibility Study and work with the College of Natural Sciences leadership began in October 2020. To date the study has identified the space needs of all departments within the College of Natural Sciences, we have had multiple open forums with faculty and students on the development of what is shaping up to be an approximately 100,000 GSF laboratory building. Work will continue through summer 2021 with plans to complete the study in Fall Semester 2021.
2. Space Utilization
COVID and remote work options have revealed opportunities for space utilization. We have been working closely with the Space Planning Advisory Committee (SPAC) to complete inventories of assigned space. We plan to conduct an RFP solicitation this spring to conduct a space utilization study of administrative space that should begin upon campus repopulation in summer 2021. This initiative has been elevated and incorporated into the campus strategic plan extension and will be funded through that effort.
3. Space Projections and Planning
We are working to develop divisional space planning committees to help address space need projections. A committee has been developed in Academic Affairs and we are working with Student Affairs now. The committee structure has been approved by the President's cabinet and will report to the SPAC. It is our goal to have these committees inform the overall campus space priorities in response to divisional and programmatic space needs.