



SMART SPACE: DATA MINING AND FOCUSING ON INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES TO IMPROVE SPACE UTILIZATION

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TODAY'S AGENDA

- UCF Intro, Context, and Strategic Plan
- Data and Space Context
- Space Utilization Findings
- Implementation & Case Study

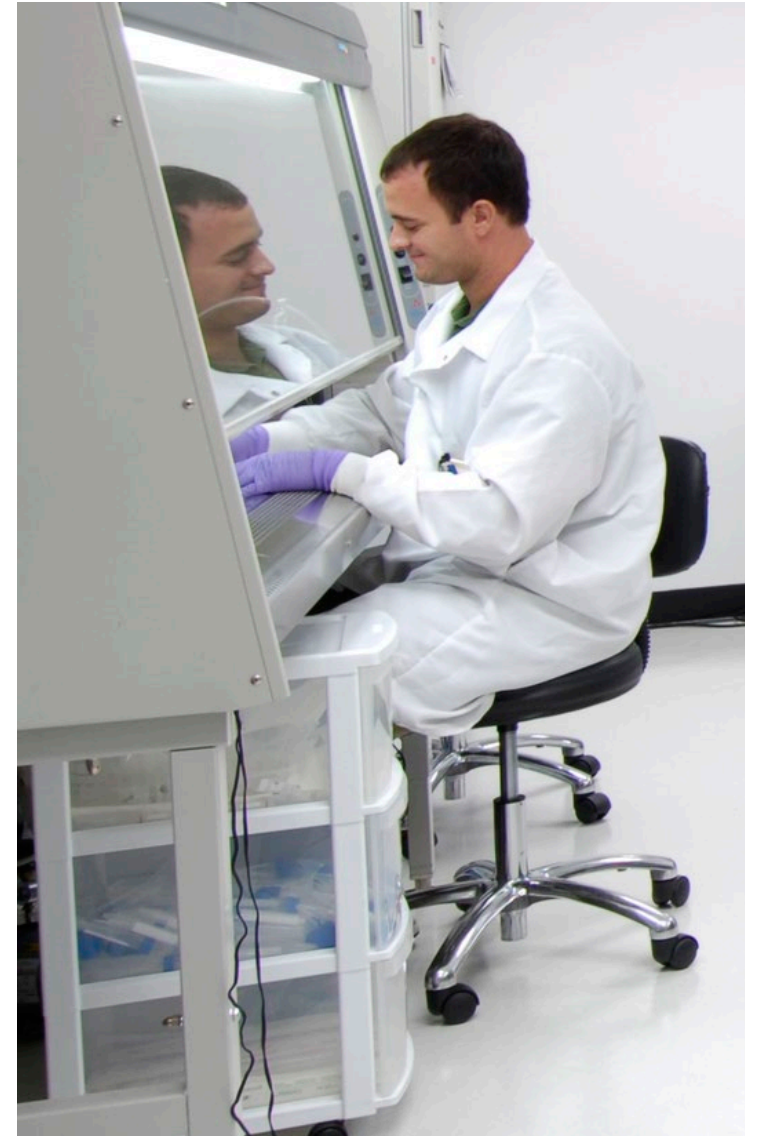


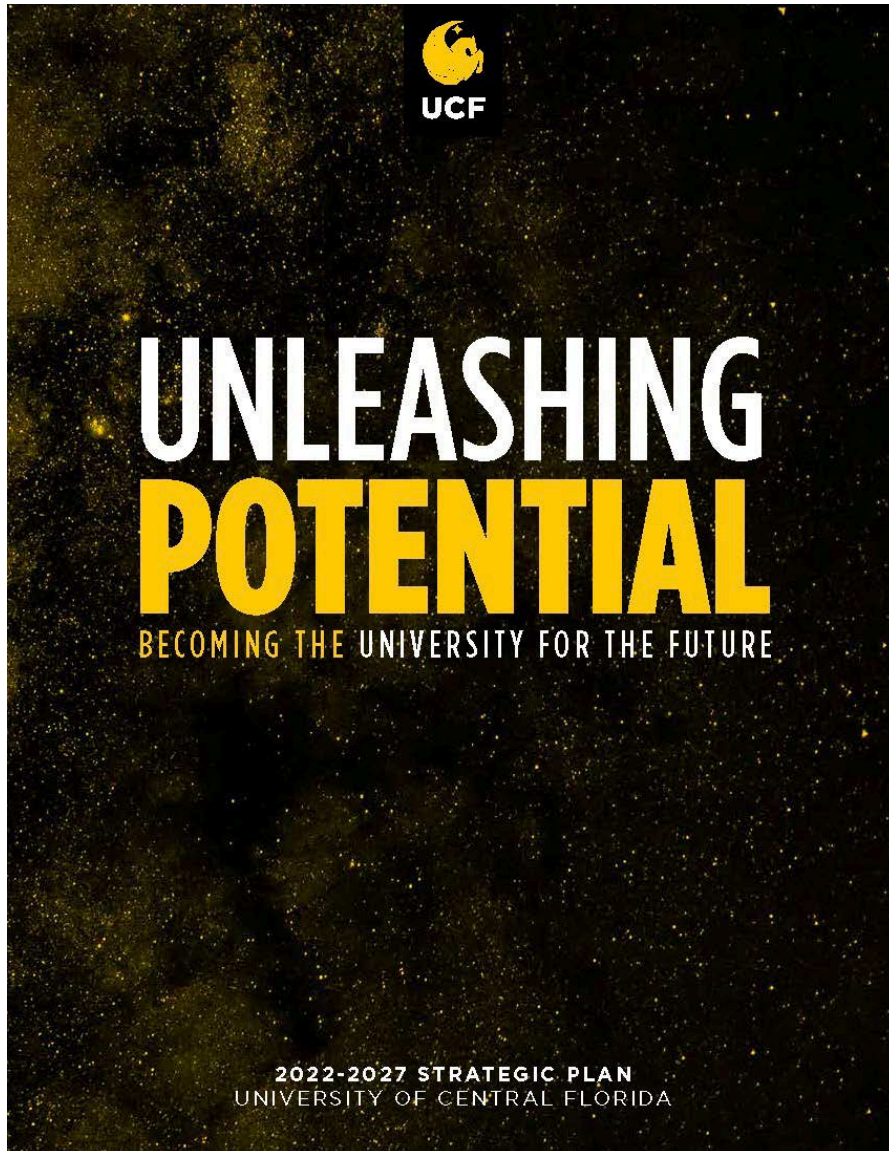
WHY A SPACE STUDY?

- Understand existing space supply
- Measure current demand
- Understand impact of hybrid work
- Funding pathways lend themselves more to renovation/remodel than new construction
- Deferred maintenance and ongoing funding challenges

CULTURAL CHALLENGES RELATED TO SPACE

- Centralized versus De-centralized – the perception of ownership
- Establishing guidelines to provide consistency in allocation
- What does a private walled office or lab mean? Confirmation of value, status, achievement





STUDY GOALS

- Gain a deep understanding of current office, classroom, and lab (teaching and research) space utilization
- Recommend policies to improve space utilization (assuming constant enrollment and flexible work arrangements)
- Increase opportunities for underutilized space to be repurposed, including to generate potential rental revenue
- Implement process improvements to increase real time accuracy of space use data

Existing Data & Data Collection

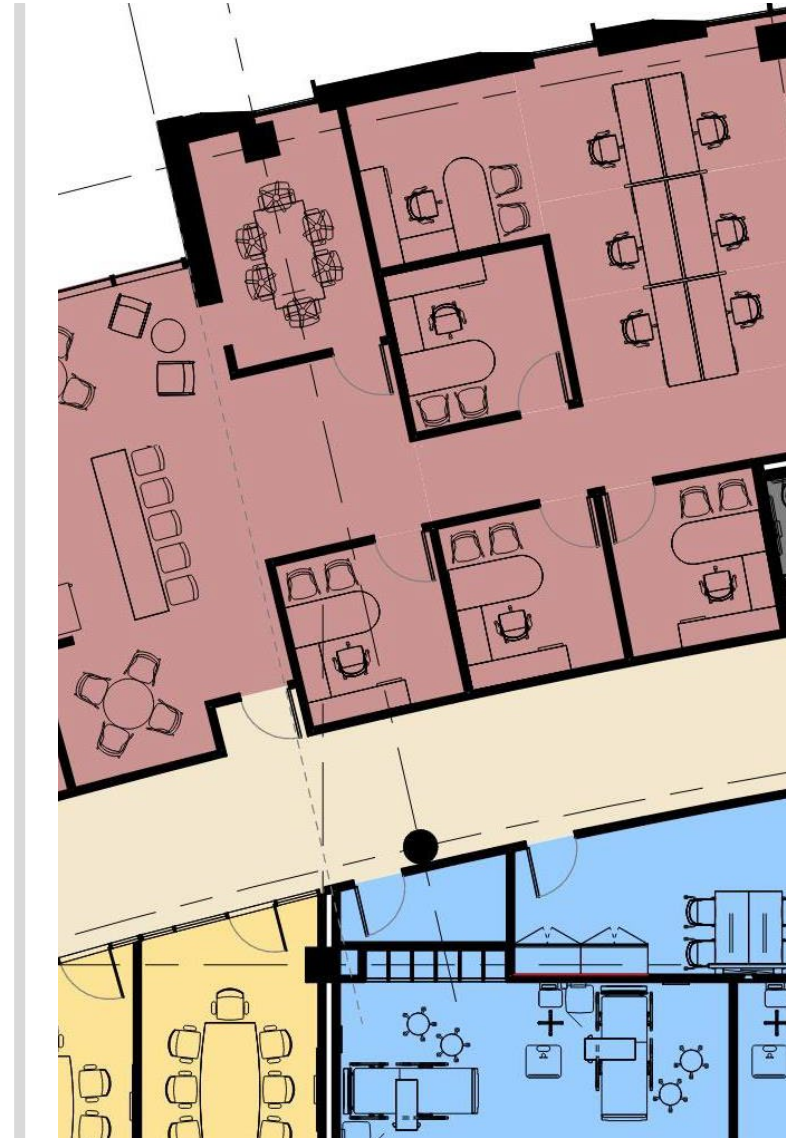
UCF SPACE ADMINISTRATION

- Recent reorg under newly established Real Estate and Space Administration department within Facilities and Business Operations division
 - Previously housed under Academic Affairs
- Responsibilities Overview:
 - Maintain university's space inventory
 - Update floor plans post-renovation and remodeling
 - Facilitate all space requests
 - Prepare quarterly state space reports
 - Oversee quinquennial Educational Plant Survey



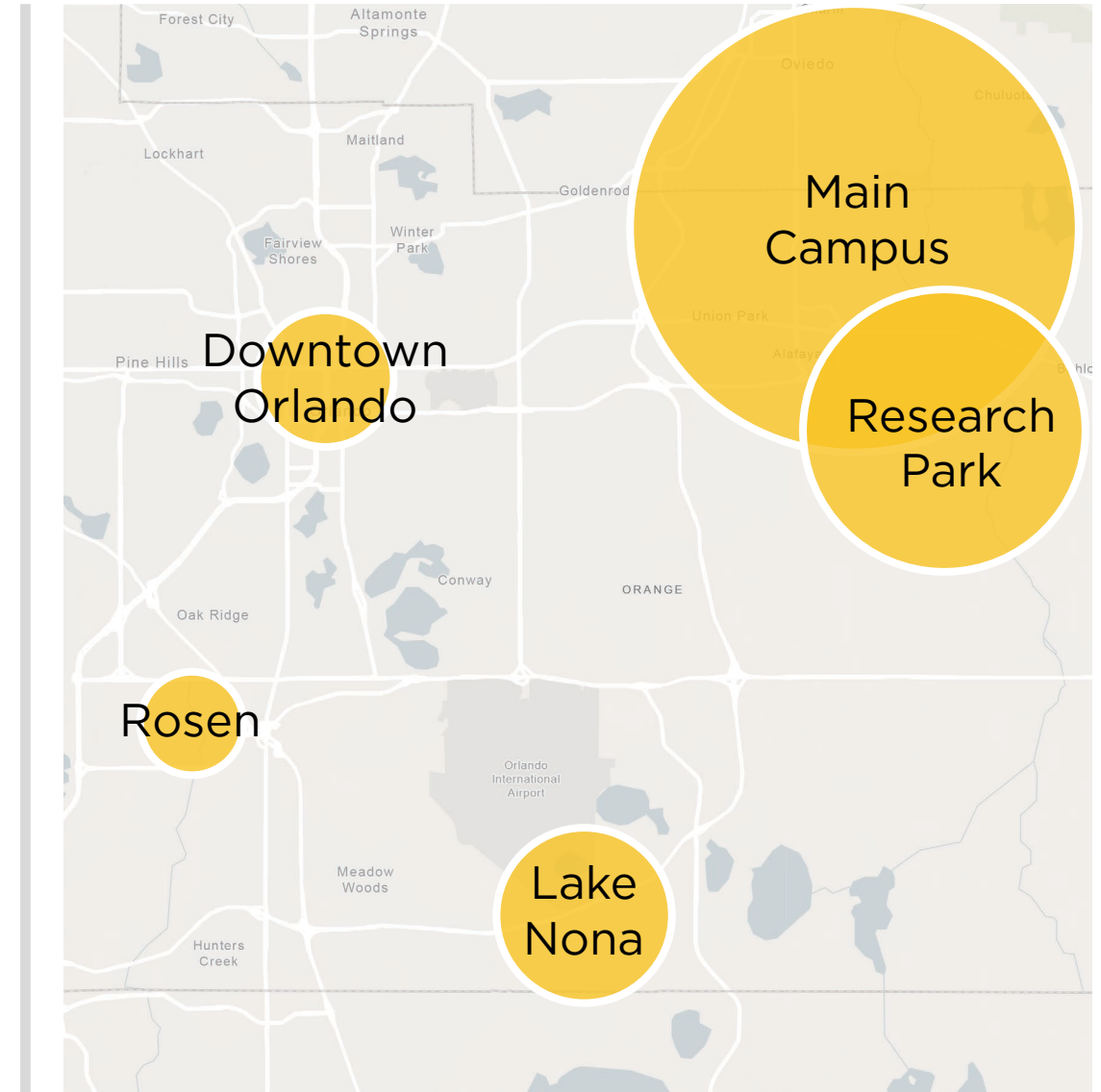
UCF SPACE ADMINISTRATION

- Supports the University Space Committee (USC) to centralize space decisions based on data driven around utilization in a collaborative and transparent process
 - Oversee decisions on allocation, reallocation, use, change in use, construction, remodeling and renovation of university space
 - Space requests of more than 1,000 net assignable square feet are forwarded to the Provost with USC recommendation for final review and decision
- Implements university space policy and USC space guidelines



SPACE INCLUDED IN STUDY BY CAMPUS

Campus	ASF in Study
Main Campus	1,585,000
Research Park	599,000
Lake Nona	234,000
Downtown Orlando	165,000
Rosen	83,000
Total	2,666,000



ASF = assignable square feet

EXISTING AND COLLECTED DATA



- Room data showing use, square feet, and station count for all space types included in study
- Data confirmed during walk-through and via data verification request
- Fall 2022 and Spring 2022 complete course schedule with course type, day, time, enrollment, and location
- Employee roster showing titles, department, occupancy, and FTE for all UCF employees
- Context provided during focus groups, workshops, and by Steering Committee Review

Data reviewed and verified by departments multiple times to ensure use of most accurate information

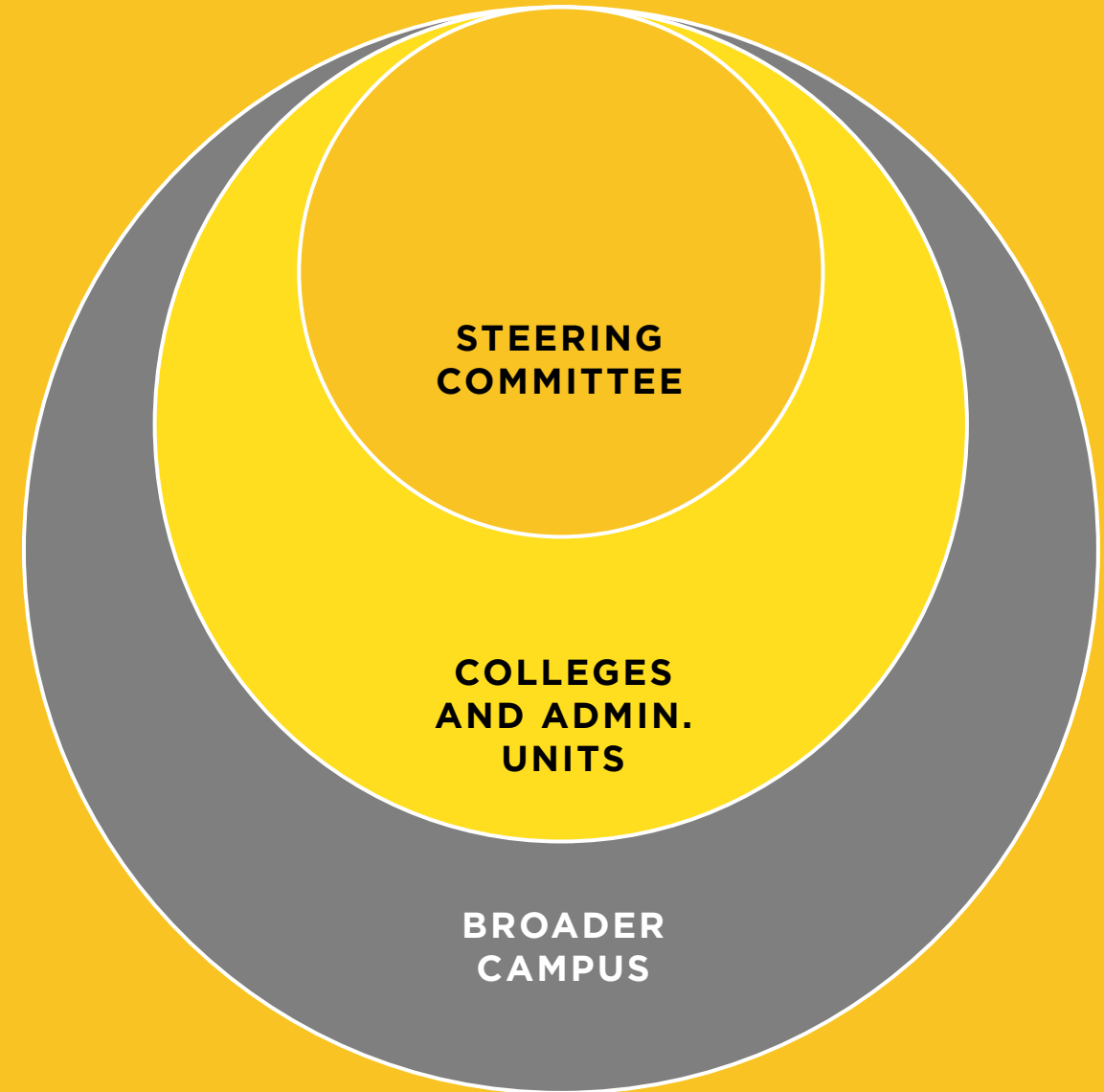
ENGAGEMENT

STEERING COMMITTEE

- Working group met regularly
- Facilitated data collection and engagement
- Confirm results of analysis

FOCUS GROUPS

- Multiple meetings with each college and administrative unit
- Communicate specific needs/unique aspects to consultants



PERSONNEL DATA GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- Campus locations in personnel data not consistent with office assignment locations in space inventory
- Lack of comprehensive org. structure made it time consuming to align employees to space departments
- Recent reorganizations occurred during analysis
- In some cases, personnel database did not reflect working position titles (e.g., professor rather than dean)
- No single employee directory
- Some areas do not report data through central Human Resources

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Position Title	College Area	Home Dept Name	Division
Professor	Humanities - English	Instruction	Humanities
Associate Professor	College of Arts and Humanities - English	CC10166 English - Academic Instruction	D220 College of Arts ; Humanities
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Senior Instructor	College of Arts and Humanities - English	CC10166 English - Academic Instruction	D220 College of Arts ; Humanities
Associate Lecturer	College of Arts and Humanities - English	CC10166 English - Academic Instruction	D220 College of Arts ; Humanities
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RESEARCH DATA GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- Focus on accurate accounting of research lab space and past 3 years of research expenditures (2021-2023, external and internal) and aligning funded research activity with related space regardless of the space type
- Initial data request showed gaps between grant activity and space (i.e., active grant with no reported location)
- Second follow up data request issued to address these gaps, still had some units with incomplete or inconsistent data
- Third effort to address deficiencies included personal contacts

FLORIDA SPACE INST OPERATIONS	\$84,503,367.90	\$28,167,789.30
CREOL-COLLEGE OPTICS&PHOTONICS	\$48,374,371.61	\$16,124,790.54
INST FOR SIM AND TRNG OPER	\$39,792,898.66	\$13,264,299.55
COL OF MEDICINE BIOMED SCIENCE	\$32,001,917.45	\$10,667,305.82
PHYSICS	\$26,706,738.13	\$8,902,246.04
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS	\$19,235,686.00	\$6,411,895.33
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	\$18,671,403.47	\$6,223,801.16
SDES CAREER SERVICES	\$18,652,578.00	\$6,217,526.00
NANOSCIENCE TECH CTR OPER	\$17,800,195.83	\$5,933,398.61
COMPUTER SCIENCE	\$16,614,555.03	\$5,538,185.01
CCIE DEAN	\$15,409,613.10	\$5,136,537.70
CIVIL ENGINEERING	\$14,739,712.75	\$4,913,237.58
MECH MAT AND AEROSPACE ENGR	\$14,323,046.35	\$4,774,348.78
VP PARTNERSHIPS & INNOVATION	\$12,659,499.85	\$4,219,833.28
CCS-CENTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	\$11,427,695.80	\$3,809,231.93
SCHOOL TEACHER EDUCATION	\$11,166,122.51	\$3,722,040.84
COUNSELOR ED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY	\$10,707,976.40	\$3,569,325.47
INDUSTRIAL ENGR AND MGMT SYS	\$9,865,021.31	\$3,288,340.44
CTR RESEARCH COMPUTER VISION	\$9,859,175.03	\$3,286,391.68
PSYCHOLOGY	\$9,575,303.79	\$3,191,767.93
CENTER FOR ADVANCED TURBOMACH	\$8,937,114.70	\$2,979,038.23
FLORIDA SOLAR ENERGY CENTER	\$8,432,582.59	\$2,810,860.86
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	\$6,869,930.91	\$2,289,976.97
CHEMISTRY	\$6,020,920.14	\$2,006,973.38
COMM MKTG-WUCF TV	\$5,744,648.17	\$1,914,882.72
AMPAC OPERATIONS	\$5,668,885.68	\$1,889,628.56
COL OF HLTH PROF AND SCI DEAN	\$5,044,081.02	\$1,681,360.34
SDES VICE PRESIDENT OPERATION	\$4,523,250.97	\$1,507,750.32
SCHOOL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	\$4,020,887.26	\$1,340,295.75
NURSING PRACTICE	\$3,889,068.21	\$1,296,356.07
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT	\$3,437,884.85	\$1,145,961.62
MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEER	\$3,115,991.20	\$1,038,663.73
NURSING SYSTEMS	\$3,040,104.00	\$1,013,368.00
OFFICE OF RESEARCH OPERATIONS	\$2,977,230.99	\$992,410.33
SOCIAL WORK	\$2,934,916.41	\$978,305.47
MATHEMATICS	\$2,509,927.04	\$836,642.35
RESTORES	\$2,433,002.67	\$811,000.89
LEARNING SCIENCES ED RESEARCH	\$2,195,907.87	\$731,969.29
COM MEDICAL EDUCATION	\$2,127,507.43	\$709,169.14

Utilization Findings

SPACE TYPES STUDIED

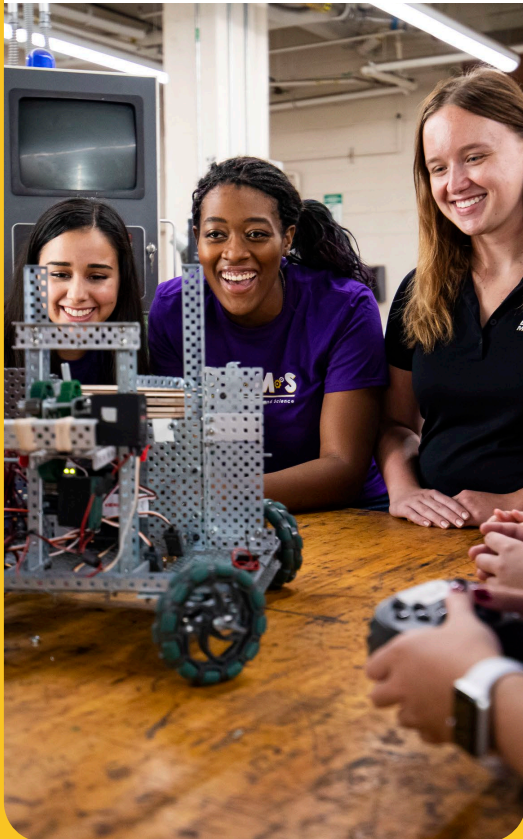
CLASSROOMS

329,000 ASF



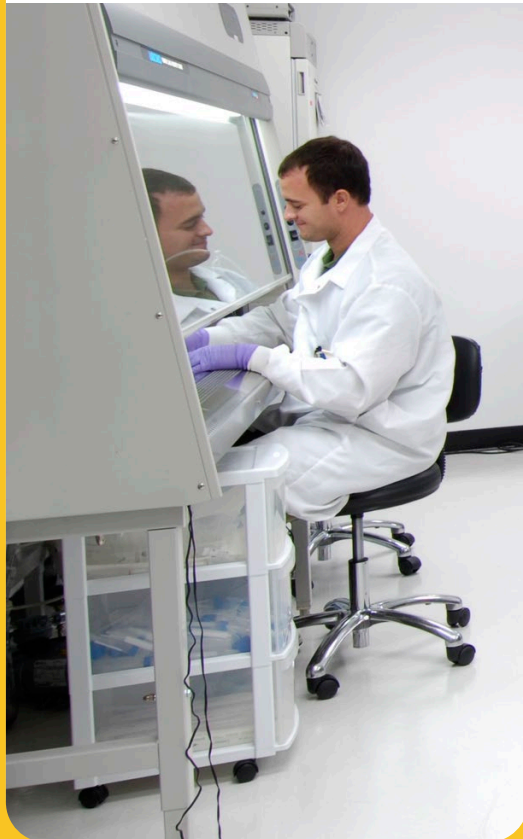
TEACHING LABS

328,000 ASF



RESEARCH LABS

552,000 ASF



WORKSPACE

1,416,000 ASF



UTILIZATION METRICS

Develop minimum targets beyond SREF standards to measure when space is fully utilized or could be evaluated for repurposing

LEARNING SPACES

- Average weekly hours scheduled
- Seats filled
- Square feet/station

RESEARCH SPACES

- Research expenditures per square foot

WORKSPACES

- Average workstation size
- Workstations per FTE employee

CLASSROOM UTILIZATION TARGETS

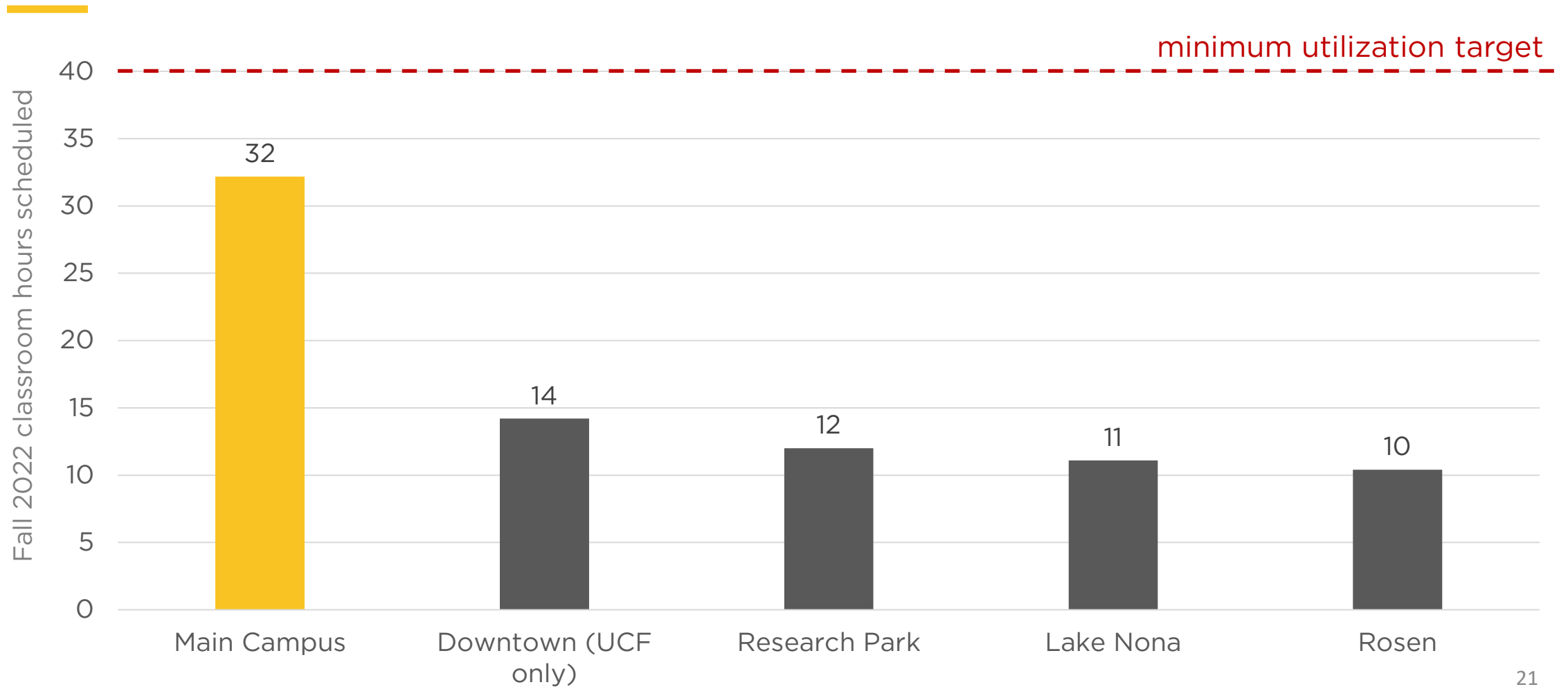
Utilization Metric	SREF	UCF Minimum Target
Average Weekly Room Hours	40	40
Station Occupancy	60%	80%
ASF/Station	20-24	20-24

The State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF) establish the requirements for public educational facilities in the State of Florida including inventory guidelines, recommended square feet allocation per room type, and utilization metrics

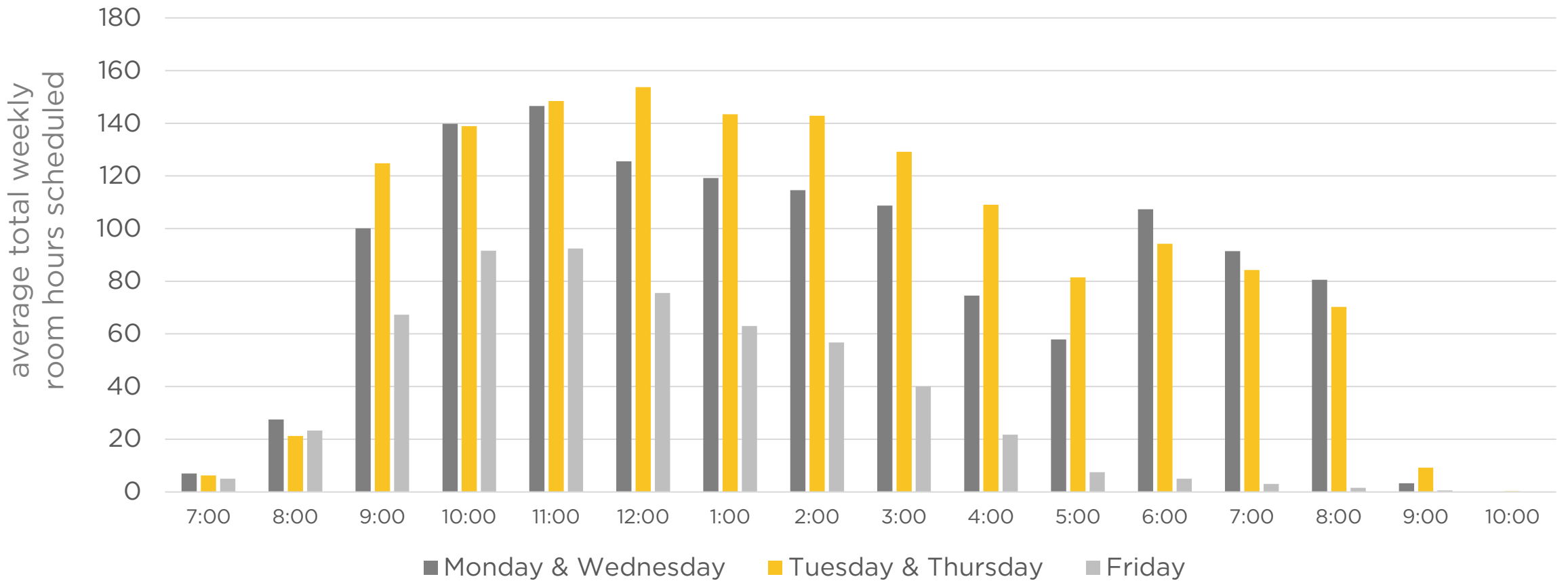
Classroom Utilization Benchmark Comparison

STATE	WRH	SO%
NEW YORK	35.4	80%
CALIFORNIA	53	66%
FLORIDA	40	60%
TENNESEE	30	60%
VIRGINIA	40	70%
GEORGIA	40	100%
TEXAS	35	67%

AVERAGE WEEKLY CLASSROOM HOURS SCHEDULED BY CAMPUS: FALL 2022



AVERAGE WEEKLY CLASSROOM HOURS SCHEDULED BY TIME & DAY: FALL 2022





CLASSROOM UTILIZATION OVERVIEW

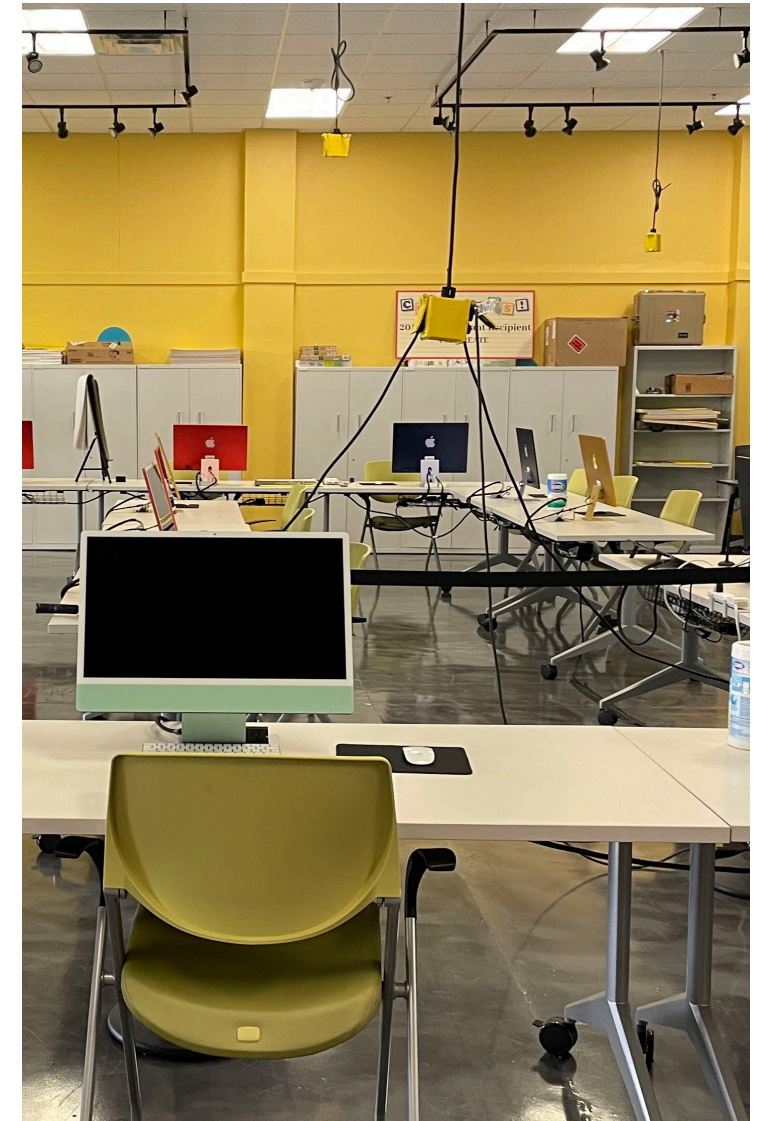
Metric	Findings
Scheduled use	Weekly hours are below the minimum target, especially for dept. scheduled classrooms
Time of day	Classes are not fully scheduled throughout the day and week
Seats filled	Dept. scheduled classrooms are below the minimum target
Station size	Existing area per seat is below SREF standard

Conclusion

Surplus of 91 classrooms could save \$81.5M by repurposing these spaces rather than building new

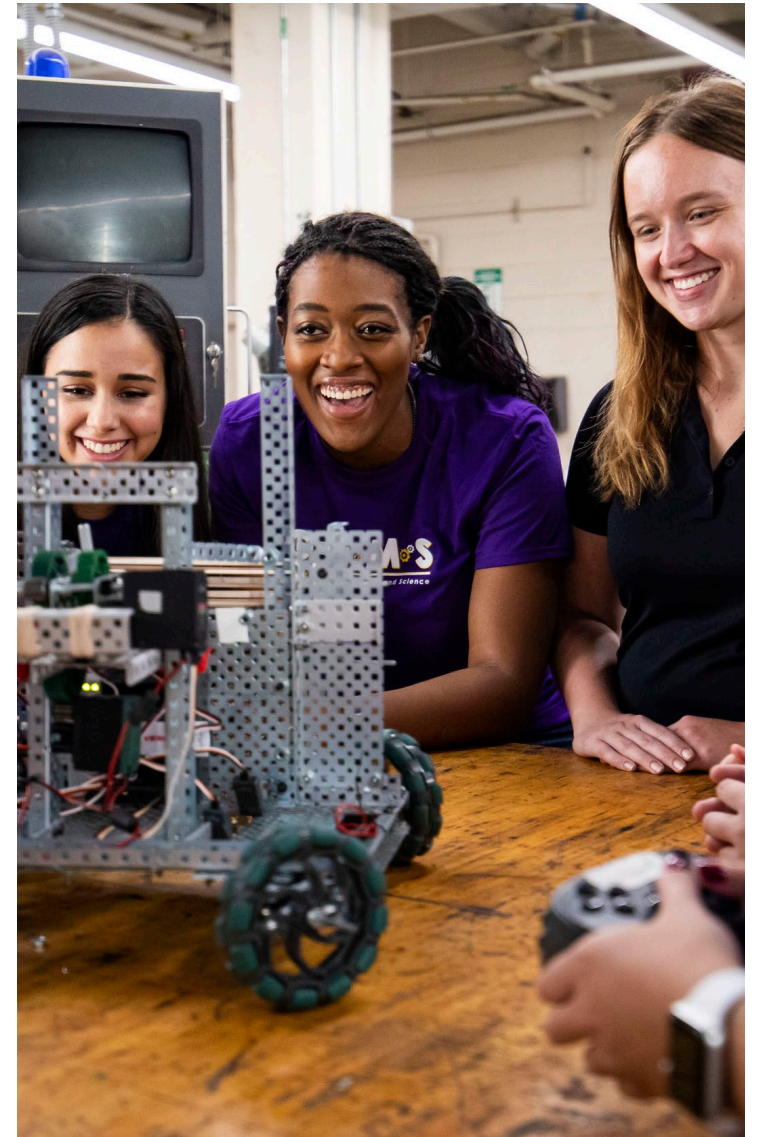
TEACHING LAB UTILIZATION GUIDELINES APPLIED

Utilization Metric	SREF	UCF Minimum Target
Average WRH (Lower Division)	30	40
Average WRH (Computer Labs)	30	40
Average WRH (Upper Division)	30	30
Station Occupancy	80%	85%
ASF/Station	varies	varies

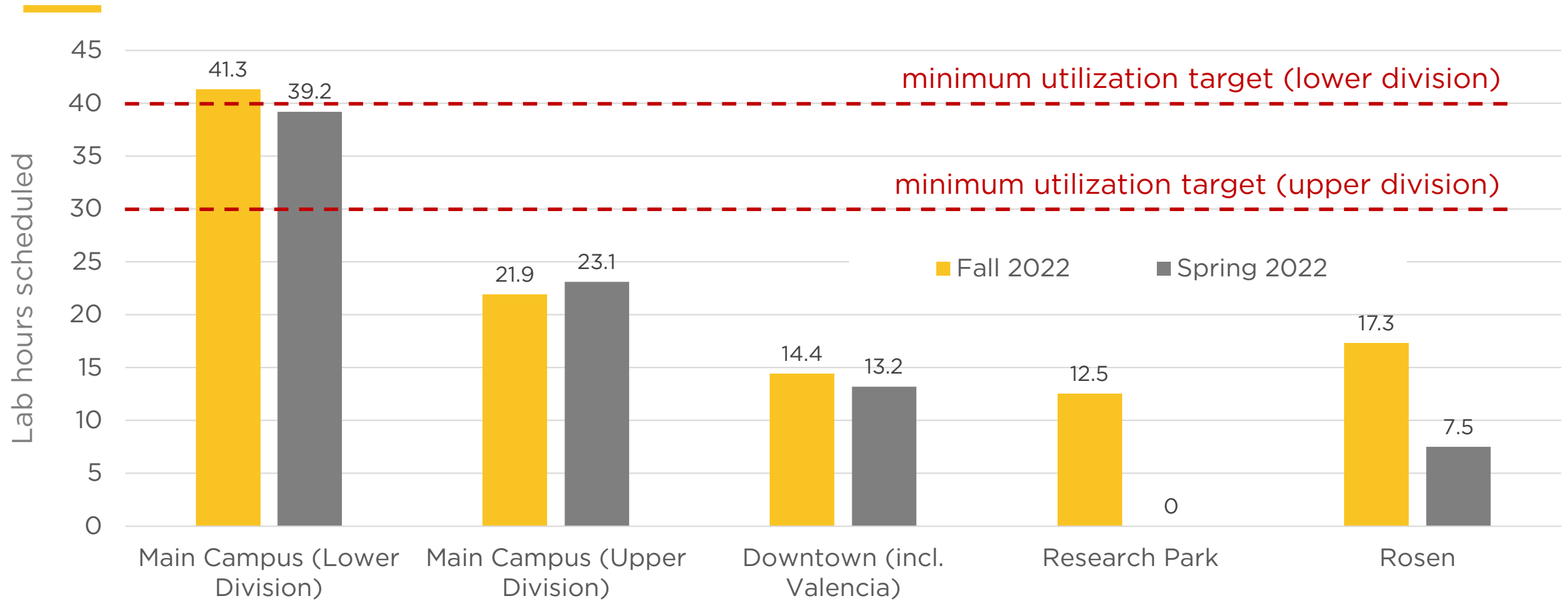


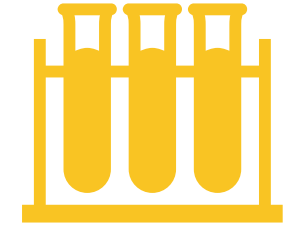
TEACHING LAB OBSERVATIONS

- Unlike classrooms that may be shared, teaching labs are often specialized facilities with less consistent utilization
- Unique labs must be available in the inventory, even if to satisfy demand for only a single section
- Due to limited interchangeability across departments, some labs cannot meet the utilization targets
- Issues of curriculum design and faculty availability often place an uneven demand on labs across semesters



AVERAGE WEEKLY TEACHING LABORATORY HOURS SCHEDULED BY CAMPUS





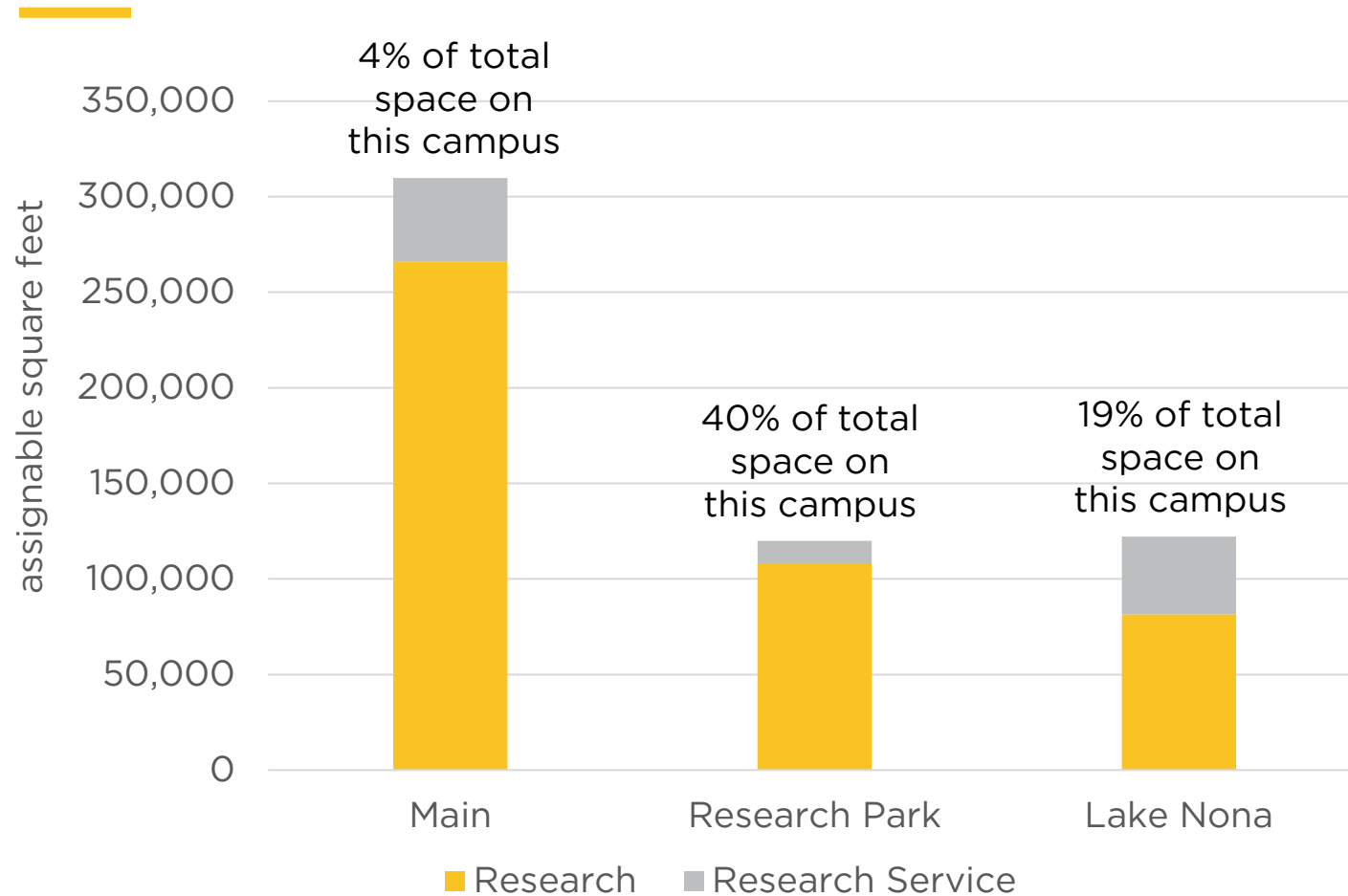
TEACHING LAB UTILIZATION OVERVIEW

Metric	Findings
Scheduled use Lower Division	Weekly hours are near the minimum target for lower division labs on the Main Campus but below the minimum target at other campuses
Scheduled use Upper Division	Weekly hours are below the minimum target
Scheduled use Computer Labs	Weekly hours are 40% below minimum targets
Time of day	Classes are not fully scheduled throughout the day and week
Seats filled	Lower and upper division labs (except for computer labs) are below the minimum target of 85% seat fill

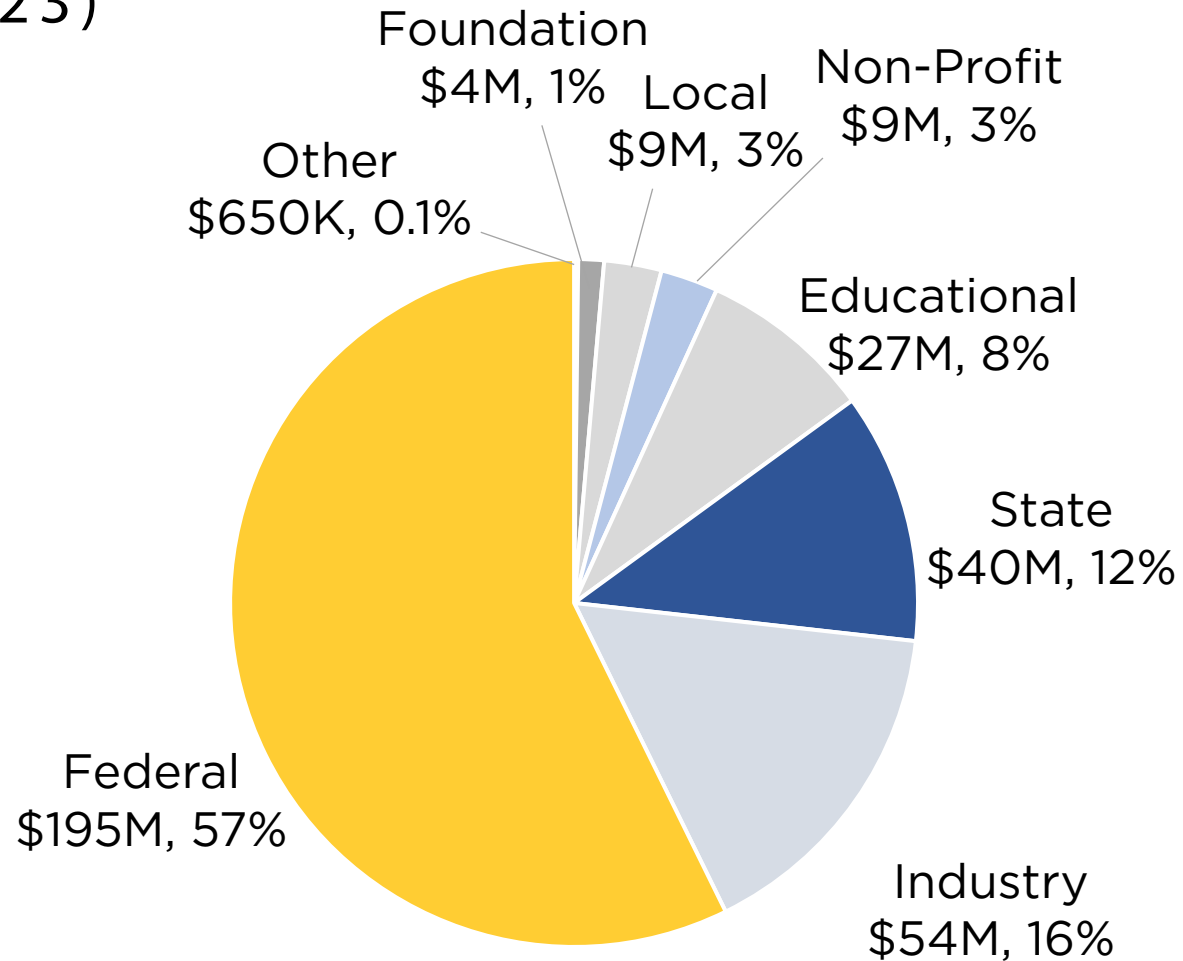
Conclusion

Teaching laboratories are generally well used but there may be opportunity to increase lab utilization by evaluating shared use potential; particularly for computer labs, upper division labs, and labs located outside of Main Campus

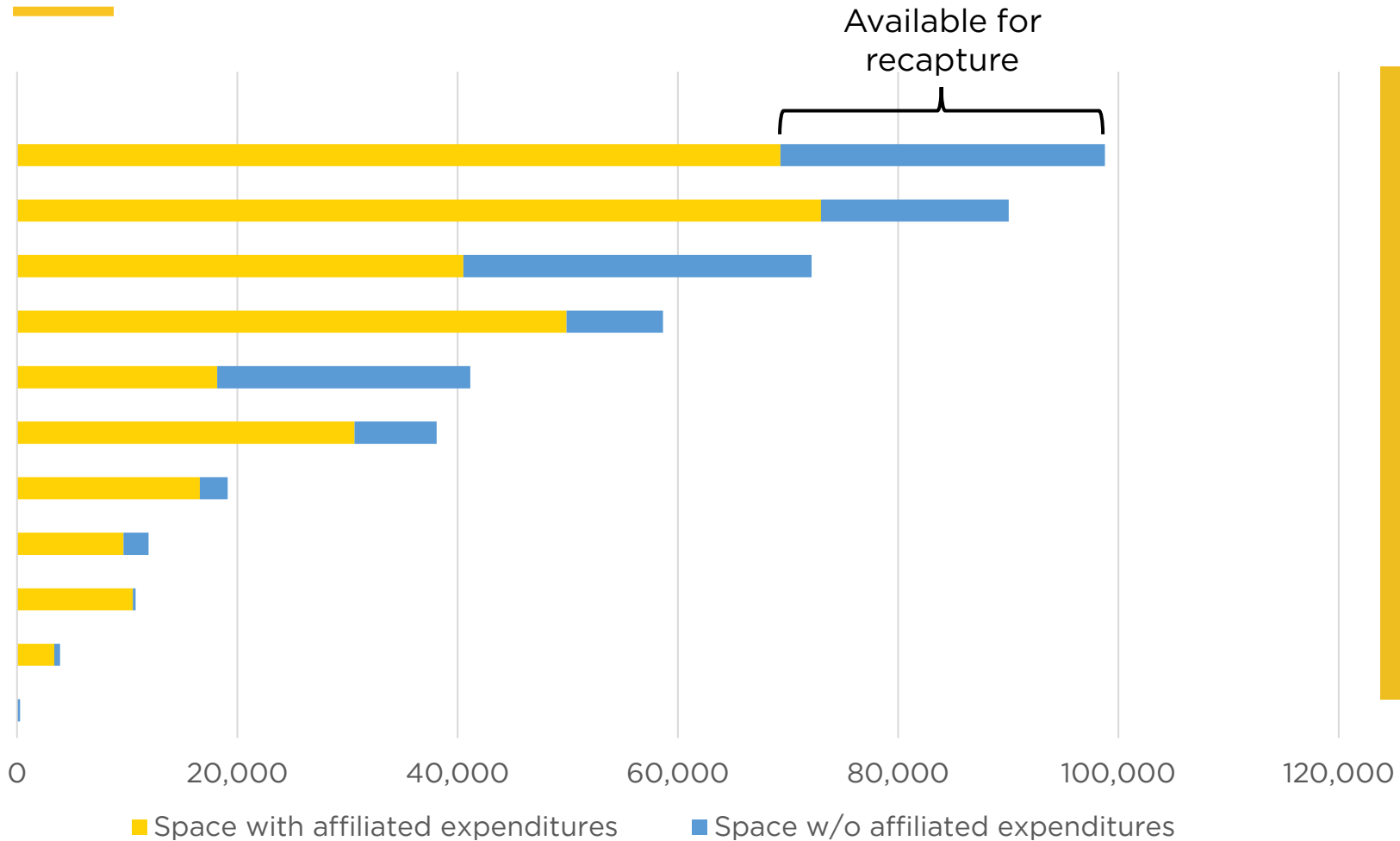
EXISTING RESEARCH LAB SPACE BY CAMPUS



ACTIVE RESEARCH GRANT EXPENDITURES BY TYPE (FY22 AND FY23)



RESEARCH SPACE BY COLLEGE: FUNDED VS. NON-FUNDED



Findings:

- STEM based research contains the highest allocation of space without affiliated external funding
- 145,000 ASF of existing research lab space does not have external funding

STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE RESEARCH GOALS: OVERALL SPACE NEEDS

- Average peer institution research expenditures per square feet (\$355) used to estimate future UCF research space needed to meet Strategic Plan goals
- UCF strategic goal of increasing research funding by \$350 Million would result in a need for **279,000 additional total ASF of research lab and related space**
- Existing research space ratio of two-thirds of existing research space classified as research lab yields approximately **187,500 ASF for additional research labs**

UIA Peer Institution Research	
Name	Avg. \$/ASF
Ohio State U.	\$403
U. Texas, Austin	\$533
Michigan State U.	\$265
Purdue U., West Lafayette	\$308
Arizona State U.	\$489
U. Kansas	\$443
Iowa State U.	\$227
Oregon State U.	\$319
Georgia State U.	\$956
U. California, Riverside	\$163
Average	\$355
UCF	\$309

RESEARCH LAB UTILIZATION OVERVIEW



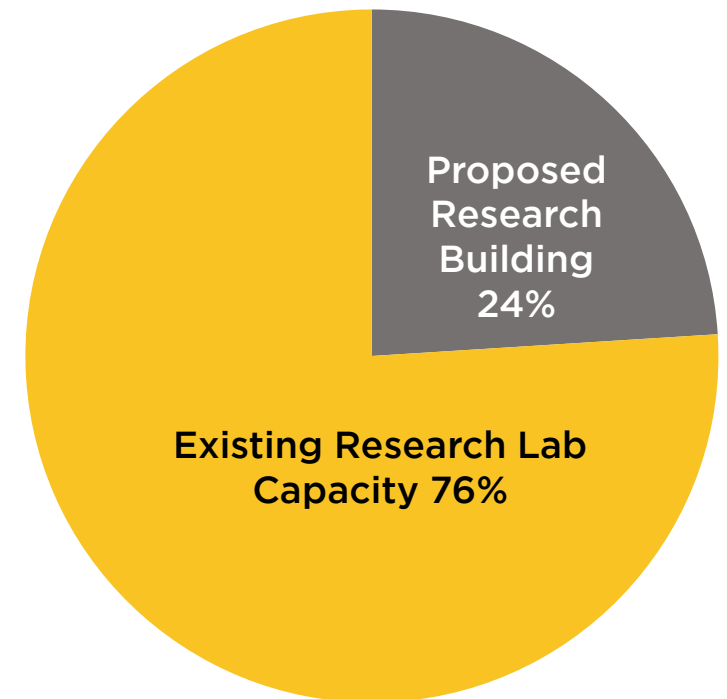
Findings

Available capacity of 145,000 ASF of research labs
(space without existing active external grant funding)

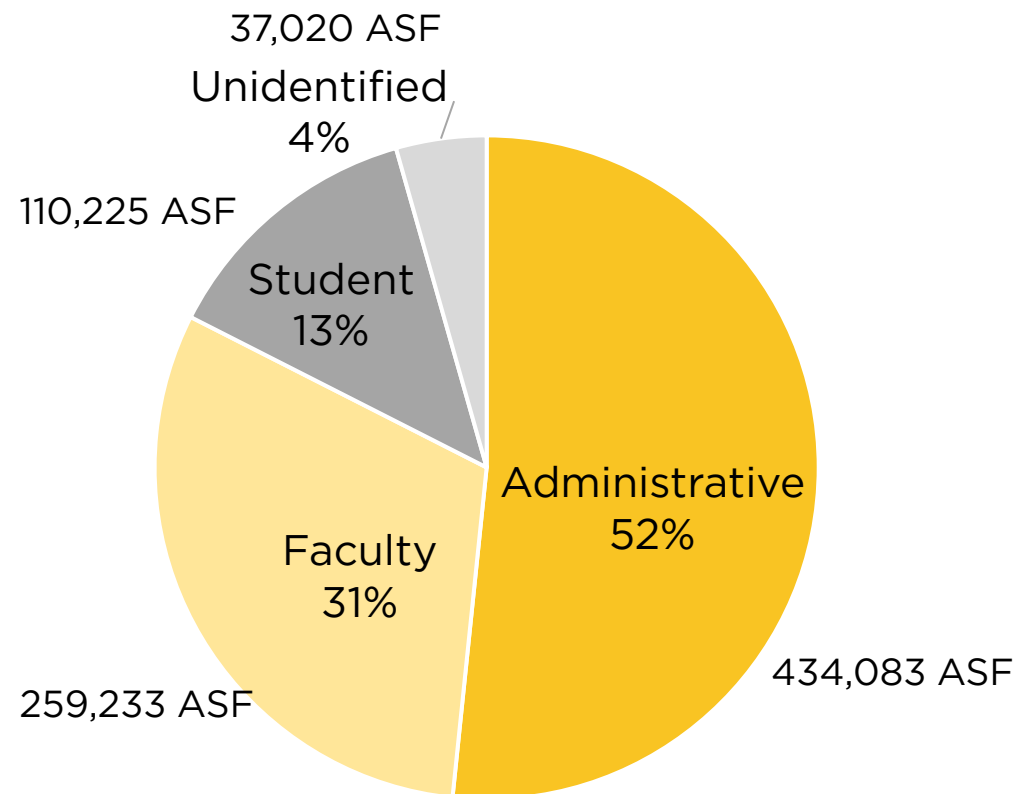
47,000 ASF of new research lab space currently planned in new
Research 2 Building will satisfy a portion of needs

Underutilized instructional and office space can be viewed as
contingency space for research expansion

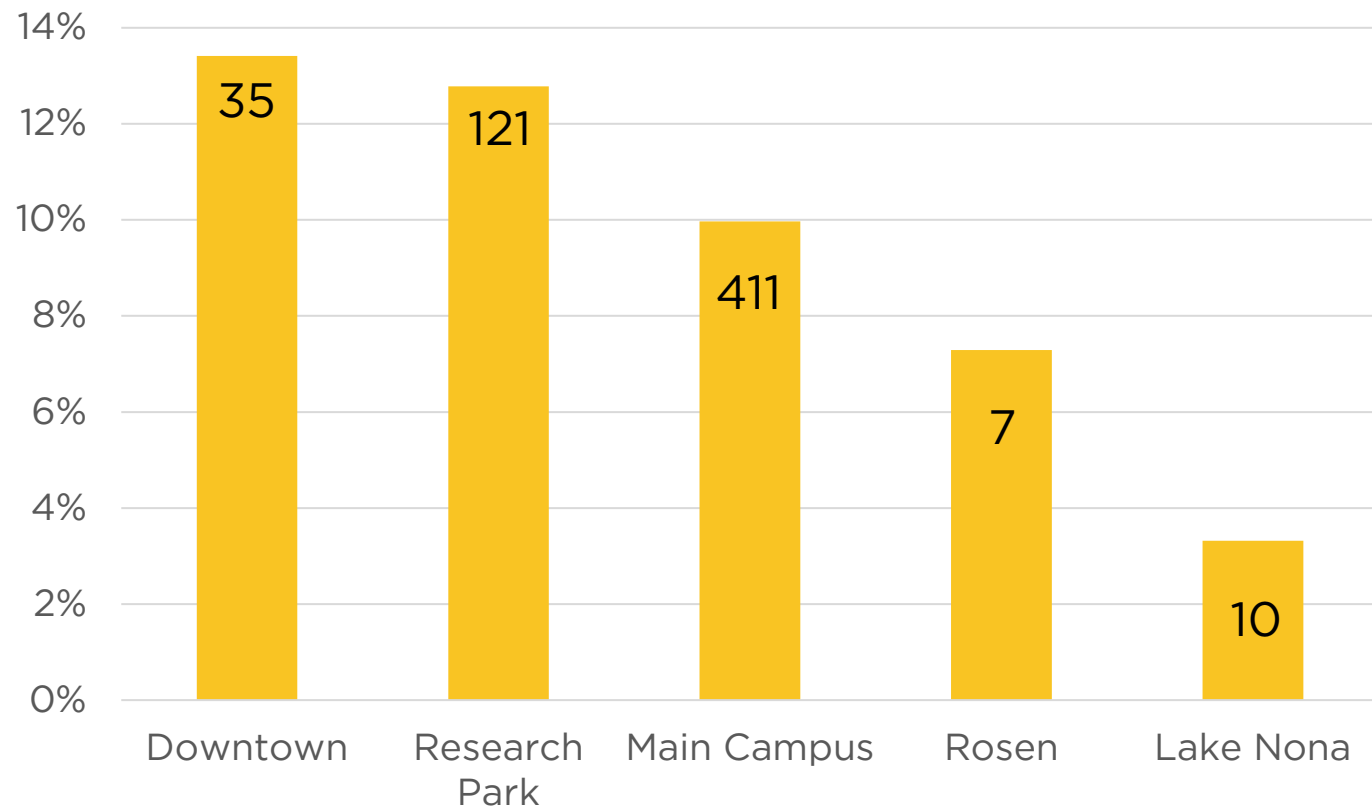
Meeting Research Space Needs



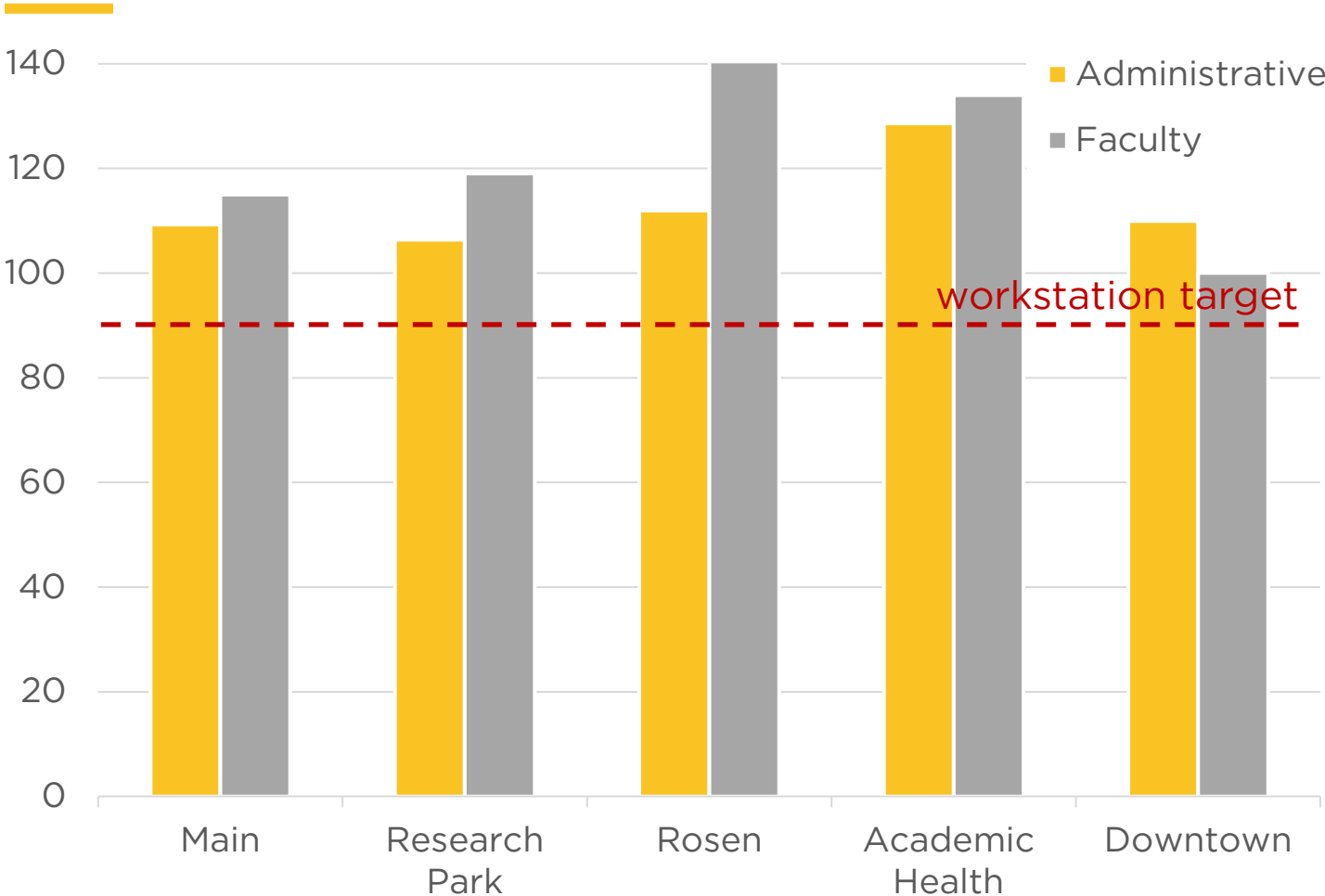
EXISTING WORKSTATION INVENTORY



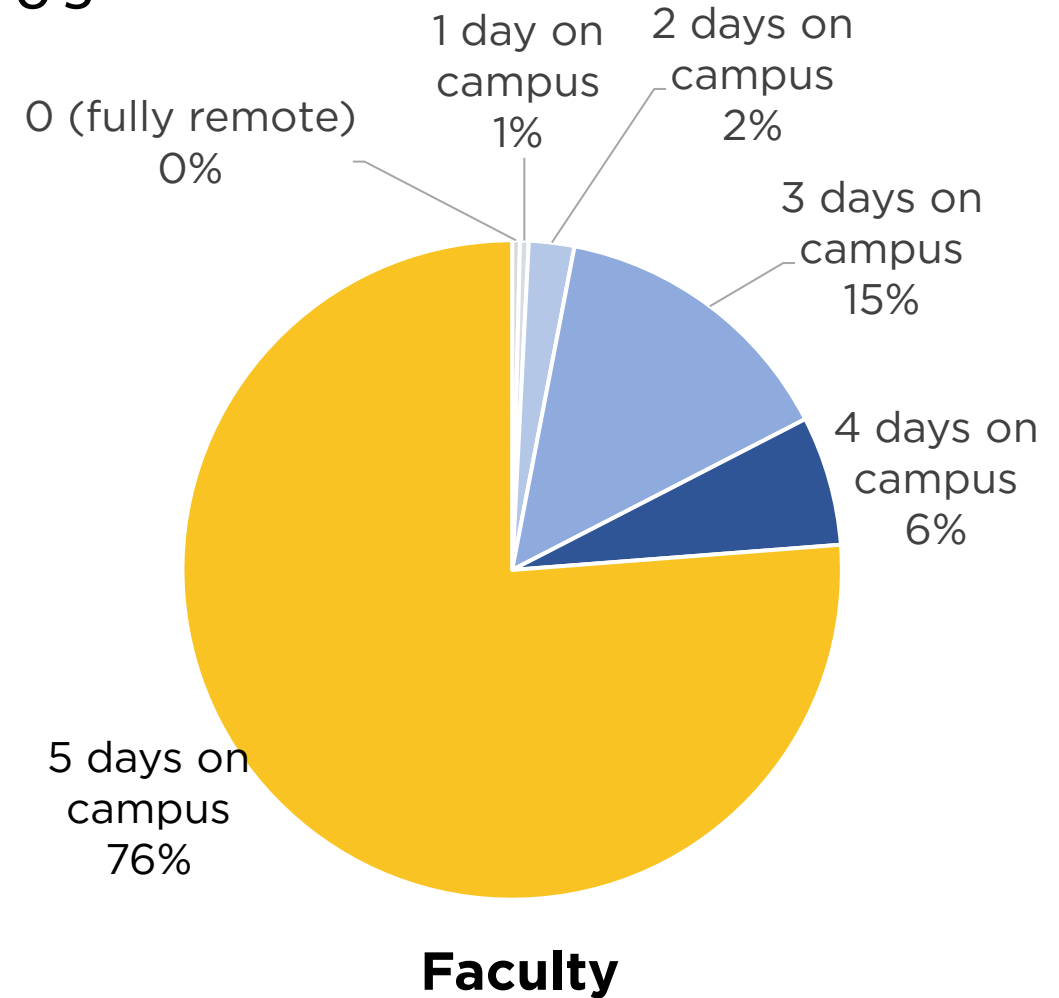
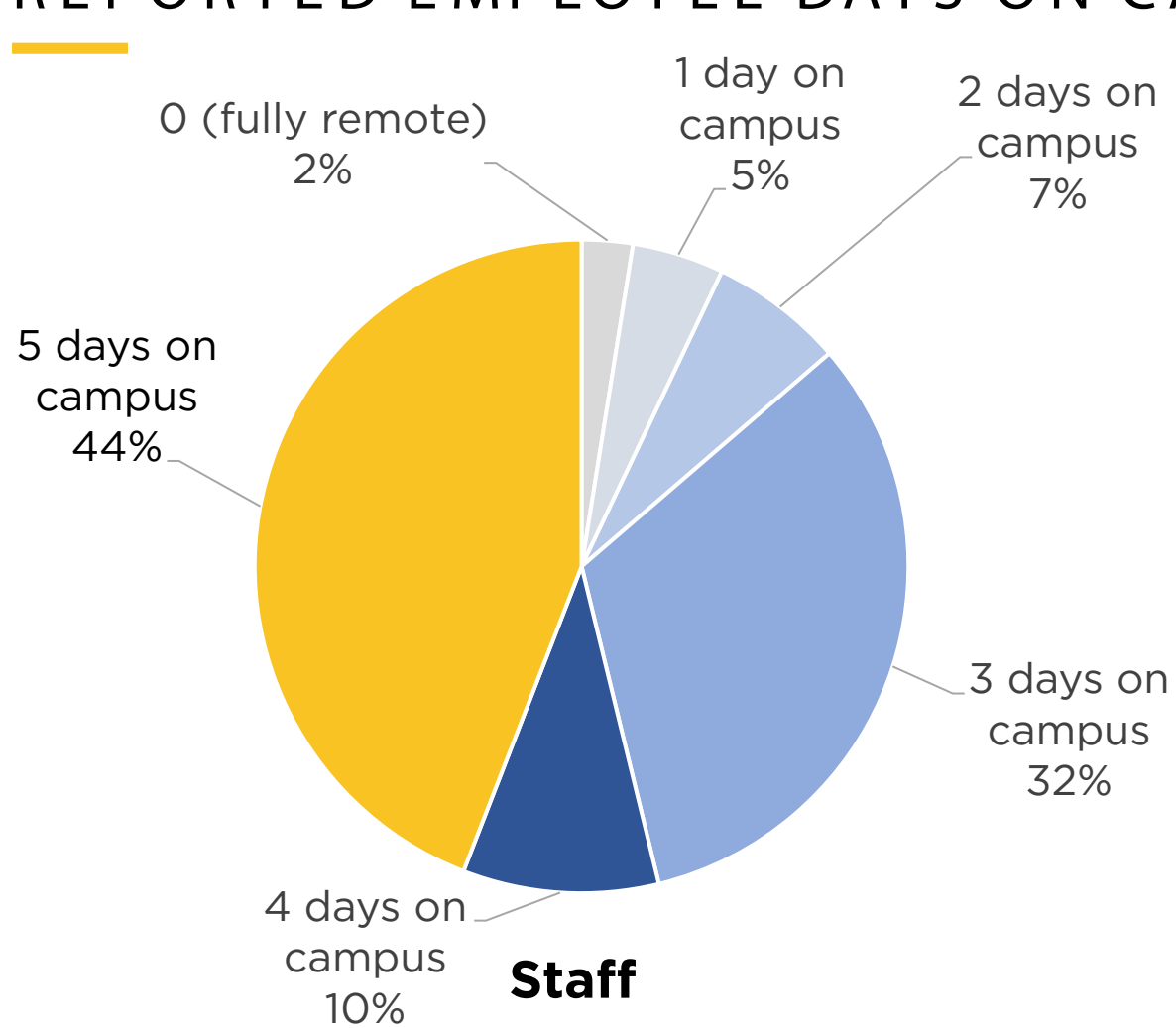
PERCENT OF WORKSTATIONS REPORTED AS VACANT



AVERAGE WORKSTATION AREA BY CAMPUS



REPORTED EMPLOYEE DAYS ON CAMPUS





WORKSPACE UTILIZATION OVERVIEW

Metric	Findings
Vacancy	10-13% of existing offices are vacant
Workstation size	Average workstation size is above the target
Remote work	About ½ of employees were reported as being on-campus 5 days a week (¾ for faculty)
Stations per FTE	1.3 avg. workstations per employee

Conclusion

Surplus of more than 360,000 ASF of workspace

OVERALL TAKEAWAYS

550,000+ ASF available for reassignment based on applied classroom and workplace utilization metrics

170,000+ ASF current inactive space and **vacant offices** that can be reassigned now

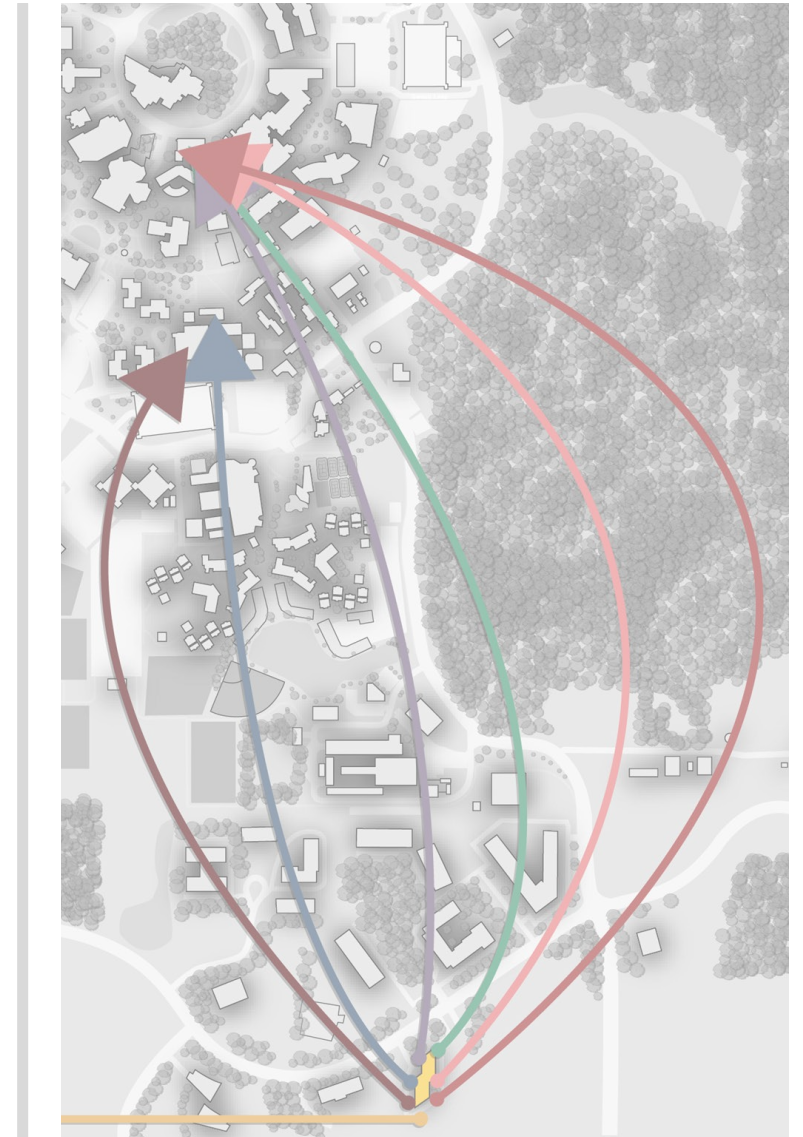
\$412-660M equivalent construction project cost based on total gross square feet

\$6.6-9.9M existing annual operation & maintenance cost based on total gross square feet

Implementation & Case Study

ACTION ITEMS

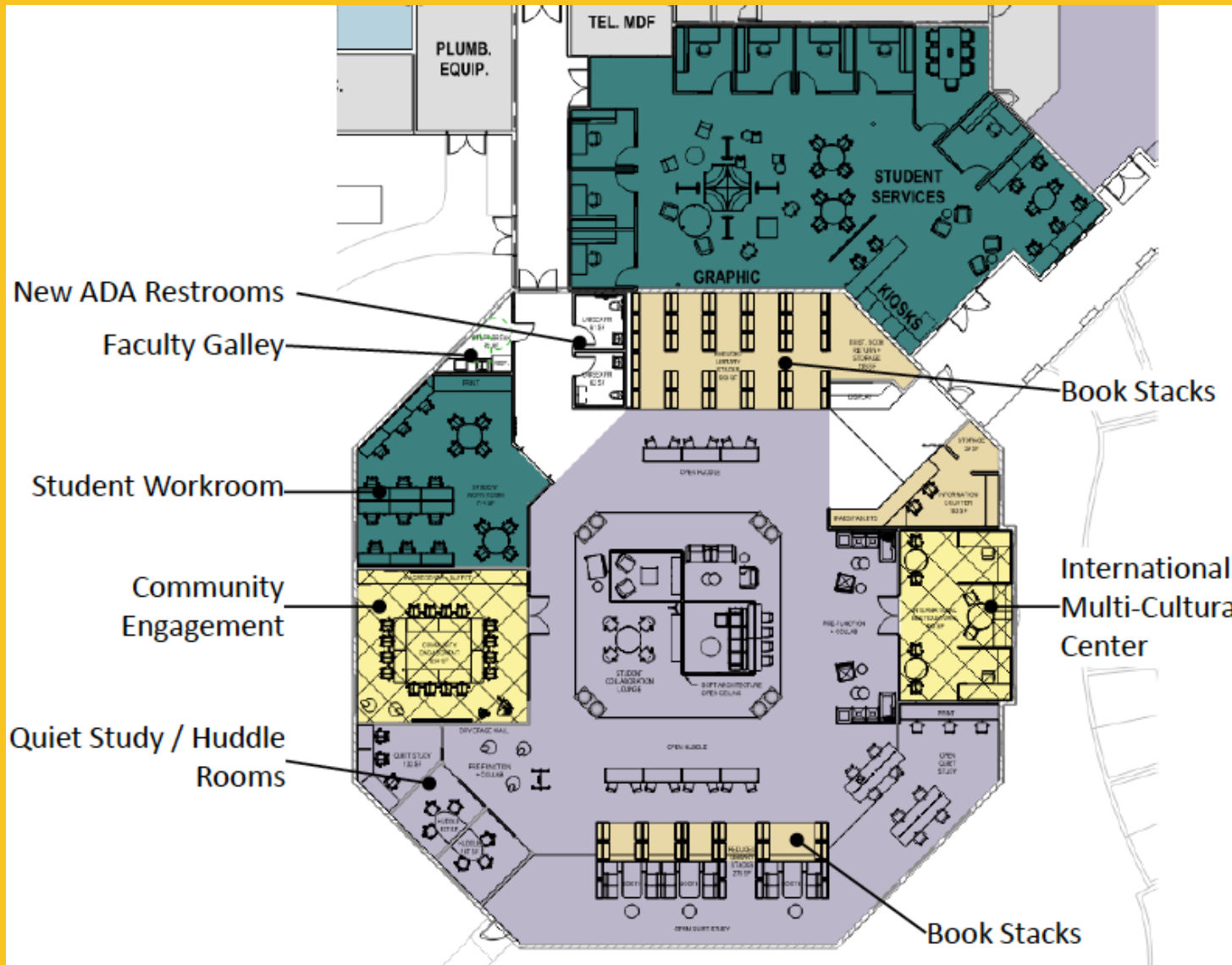
- Classroom utilization working group
 - *Enhance course scheduling process*
 - *Identify classrooms to be re-purposed or re-assigned*
- Research space utilization working group
 - *Establish guidelines for assessing utilization*
 - *Complete a full analysis of current utilization*
- Evaluating consolidations of units in Research Park with the potential to reduce occupancy by 43,200 rentable SF



ROSEN COLLEGE CASE STUDY

- Changed focus from a planned new building to a renovation of existing space
 - New Bldg: \$15M (\$800/SF @ 18,706 GSF)
 - Renovation: \$11.8M (\$150/SF @ 78,680 USF)
- Addresses significant deferred maintenance and dated finishes for a 25-year-old facility





ROSEN COLLEGE CONSOLIDATION OF STUDENT SERVICES

- Revamp of existing underutilized library and a vacated bookstore
- Create a welcome center, one-stop-shop for student services

EXISTING OFFICE SPACE (TYPICAL)



ROSEN COLLEGE WORKSPACE REIMAGINED



ROSEN COLLEGE WORKSPACE REIMAGINED (LAYERED CONCEPT)



Handwritten notes on the whiteboard:

- SUPPORT EACH OTHER
- CAN I HELP YOU MAKE THIS MORE AWESOME?
- SO RYAN... IS THIS AWESOME?
- KEEP IT AWESOME!
- MEET YOU WHERE YOU ARE
- I SEE YOU
- FUN THING & NOT FUN PROJECT
- PUT SOME SAUCE ON THAT!
- COMBOS OF LITMPS TEST FOR DECISIONS
- our values
- HELP US HAVE BRAVE CONVERSATION AND HELP OUR CULTURE THRIVE
- authentic
- GREEN MEETING
- MEETING
- MEETINGS
- SHOUT OUTS!
- ODDS!
- ENTER WITH A QUARTERLY DRAWING
- MEANINGFUL
- VALUED
- NOMINATE TEAM MEMBERS FOR VALUES
- CHECK-INS
- I FELT...
- NOT GOOD...
- NOT A TEAM PLAYER...
- IRRITATED...
- VALUE YOUR FEELINGS...
- AM I PETTY?
- CULTURE / PERSONALITY
- LESSON: TRUST YOUR FEELINGS & BE HONEST
- ARE YOU HAVING FUN HERE?
- HOLD UP 4x MIRROR



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