

**R720-1. Purpose:** To provide for comprehensive capital facilities master planning based on approved programmatic planning at the institutions.

## R720-2. References

- 2.1. Utah Code [§53B-6-101](#) (Master Planning - Board Establishes Criteria to Meet Capital Budgetary Needs)
- 2.2. Utah Code [§53B-20-101](#) (Property of Institutions to Vest in State Board)
- 2.3. Utah Code [Title 63A, Chapter 5](#) (State Building Board - Division of Facilities Construction and Management)
- 2.4. Policy and Procedures [R710](#), Capital Facilities

## R720-3. Policy

- 3.1. **Projects Based on Master Plans:** Comprehensive capital facilities master plans shall be completed and approved for each institution based on its approved programmatic planning. Construction of new and remodeling of existing capital facilities will be undertaken only when the need for such construction and remodeling is demonstrated with reference to approved institutional programmatic and capital facilities master planning and other justification data including student enrollments, space utilization, structural obsolescence, operational inefficiencies, operating budget constraints, other relevant justification information including full consideration of the availability of State and other resources.
- 3.2. **Periodic Updates:** The capital facilities planning process is continuous and the higher education environment is dynamic; therefore, policies and guidelines must be constantly reviewed and updated periodically to reflect demonstrable changes in planning and environment.
- 3.3. **Renovation and Replacement of Existing Facilities:** The projected cost of maintenance, correction, renovation, improvement and replacement of existing capital facilities within the Utah System of Higher Education will place a substantial continuing and growing financial burden on the State of Utah.
- 3.3. **Space Allocation:** The institutions comprising the Utah System of Higher Education shall be increasingly thorough and innovative in their allocation and reallocation of space within their existing physical plants, rather than relying on the addition of new space.
- 3.4. **Priority for Renovation, Replacement and Improvement of Existing Facilities:** Capital facilities planning emphasis should in general be placed on renovation, replacement and improvements to the existing physical plant (facilities and infrastructure). Present and future capital facilities expenditures should be focused first on these activities, with the addition of certain types of new space for specific purposes justified on the basis of specific needs for which renovation, replacement, and improvement of existing space is not economically viable or otherwise reasonably feasible.

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