

CS 3.11.3 - Physical Facilities

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Compliance Finding: In Compliance

Narrative:

The University of South Carolina Beaufort (USC Beaufort) operates and maintains physical facilities, both on and off campus, that appropriately serve the needs of the educational programs, support services, and other mission-related activities.

USC Beaufort has facilities in Beaufort (North Campus) [i] and Bluffton (South Campus) [ii] and also holds classes on two military bases, the Marine Corps Air Station and the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot (Parris Island) in Beaufort County. In addition, leased space at Pineland Station on Hilton Head Island is provided for courses offered by the Osher Life Long Learning Institute.

Facilities at each location are unique; North Campus is located on 8.5 acres in the historic district of downtown Beaufort, while the South Campus is located on 200 acres near Bluffton, in southern Beaufort County. North Campus includes a building that is 150 years old and is listed on the National Historic Register. South Campus is a new campus with buildings that are at most four years old. Each requires a different degree of maintenance.

Undergraduate courses at the Marine Corp Air Station and the Marine Corp Recruiting Depot (Parris Island), both located in Beaufort, are taught in classrooms are provided for USC Beaufort instructional needs (two classrooms at each location).

For research purposes, USC Beaufort manages Pritchards Island, a barrier island off the coast of Beaufort County owned by the USC Development Foundation. The island is staffed with one full-time manager, and is accessible only by boat.

The leased Pineland Station facility on Hilton Head Island provides 1380 sq. ft. of space for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the Office of Community Outreach. Continuing education non-academic-credit courses are offered at this location.

Student Housing is provided only on the South Campus, in four buildings. Housing is owned by Beaufort Jasper Higher Education Commission for USC Beaufort's benefit, and is managed by Capstone Management Company. The 93,336 sq. ft. facility provides 271 rooms for student housing. The campus maintenance staff provides daily custodial and maintenance for the facilities. USC Beaufort contracts for landscaping, and for painting rooms and other move-in services.

Table 1 Changes in Physical Plant Square Footage, Course Offerings, and FTE from 2004 to 2007

LOCATION	SQ FT 2004	SQ FT 2007	% +/-	NUMBER COURSES OFFERED FALL 2004	NUMBER COURSES OFFERED FALL 2007	% +/-	FTE 2004	FTE 2007	% +/-
North Campus	95148	90197	(5)	145	100	(3)	**	**	
South Campus	55527	117660	112	99	165	66	**	**	
Internet				6	23	283			
Campus Total				250	288	15	832	1001	20
MCAS*				17	12	(30)			
MCRD*				12	6	(50)			

*Owned and maintained by the federal government.

** FTE by North and South Campus can not be calculated for these terms.

A Campus Master Plan [iii] was completed in 2002, and directed the construction of the facilities on South Campus. In 2004 the South Campus moved from leased facilities on Hilton Head Island to the 200 acre site near Bluffton. Facilities on South Campus now include three buildings for administration, academics, and student support services, and four buildings for student housing. A maintenance complex provides facility and maintenance support services for the campus. With the growth of the student population and programs, the second floor of the Science Technology building is currently being completed and will house the Nursing Program. In 2007 the campus administration secured the services of an architectural firm to complete an update to the master plan [iv] to show existing buildings on the south campus and to provide a plan for future building development.

The Director of Facilities prepares an annual Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP) [v] for the review of the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Operations and the Chancellor. Once approved the plan is submitted to the University Architect, the President, and the Board of Trustees. The plan is then submitted to the Capital Budgeting Unit, Office of the State Budget and Control Board. The plan is a five year budget plan for new construction and renovation projects for the campus, and is updated annually to address changes in campus needs based on program development and student enrollments.

Facilities personnel prepare a Deferred Maintenance Plan [vi]. Deferred maintenance has been under funded for years by the state, so that USC Beaufort must address deferred maintenance within the annual operating budget. The plan provides a priority list of projects with an estimated cost of each.

The Facilities and Maintenance staff [vii] is charged with maintaining the physical plant, custodial services, and grounds. In October 2007, a facilities survey was conducted. The survey instrument was accessible online and available to all USC Beaufort faculty, staff, and students [viii]. A total of 119 responses were received. Fifty-two percent of the respondents were students, twenty-seven percent were faculty, and thirty percent were staff. The survey results indicate an overall satisfaction with the condition of facilities and the service of the maintenance and custodial staff.

A short video introducing the facilities on our historic Beaufort and gateway to Hilton Head campuses is included as a DVD with the printed materials and on the external memory drive supplied to all reviewers.

Supporting Documentation

- [i USC Beaufort Campus Map North](#)
- [ii USC Beaufort Campus Map South](#)
- [iii Campus Master Plan](#)
- [iv Campus Master Plan Map](#)
- [v Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan](#)
- [vi Deferred Maintenance Plan](#)
- [vii Facilities and Maintenance Organization Chart](#)
- [viii USC Beaufort Facilities Survey](#)