

2.11.2 The institution has adequate physical resources to support the mission of the institution and the scope of its programs and services. **(Physical Resources)**

Judgment of Compliance

Compliance

Narrative

The institution operates and maintains facilities adequate to serve the needs of our mission-related activities, educational programs, support services, and other related needs.

The adequacy of these facilities for academic purposes has been recognized through program accreditation as well as several important reaccreditations in recent years, an indicator that external evaluators found the physical facilities to be sufficient for quality program delivery and support.

Albany State University is located on approximately 230 acres of land [1]. We have 20 Educational and General buildings with approximately 540,000 square feet and 12 Auxiliary buildings [2] with approximately 530,000 square feet. 73.5 acres above the flood plain east of Radium Springs Road was acquired for future development of the university.

The University has physically developed driven by the need to move out the flood plain, by an increase in the academic programs in response to growing enrollment, by a demand for outdoor recreation and open space, and by increasing parking needs.

After the 1994 flood some existing buildings located on the lower campus were completely renovated. New buildings located on the upper campus include: classroom facilities, laboratory facilities, office facilities, study facilities, special use facilities, general use facilities, support facilities, health care facilities and student residential facilities.

Our Campus Master Plan [3] has generally been implemented as anticipated. A complete update of the Campus Master Plan is scheduled for FY 2007-2008.

We receive Major Repair and Renovation funds [4] each year from the Board of Regents for the type of items not affordable through normal formula funding for plant operation, such as roof replacements and ADA upgrades. We have averaged over \$500,000 per year in funding [5] during the current decade.

Evaluation of existing space

The institution conducted a complete inventory (facilities audit) of all its space during FY 2007. This information has been shared with the Board of Regents and will be used for planning and resource allocation decisions both at the state and campus levels.

We submit a Facilities Inventory Report (FIR) each Fall and spring and a Room Utilization Report (RUR) [6] in the fall of each year to the Board of Regents. These reports demonstrate how efficiently the University utilizes its existing facilities.

Information Technology has conducted a technology readiness assessment [7] for current and proposed technology enhanced classrooms and has plans to upgrade and/or build out several classrooms.

New Ray Charles Fine Arts Building

We request new buildings, effective in FY 2009, through a new BOR Strategic Capital Model [8]. We made our first submittal in July 2007. ASU has been approved by the BOR for an academic and fine arts building [9] specifically designed and equipped [10] to support the instructional needs of the Department of English, Modern Languages, and Mass Communication; and the Department of Fine Arts. Art, Music, Speech and Theatre, and Music Education (in collaboration with the College of Education) comprise the Department of Fine Arts.

The proposed building is consistent with the university's Strategic Plan [11], Campus Master Plan [3] and USG Principles for Capital Allocation [8].

The anticipated cost of this 124, 000 gross square feet building totals \$27 million. The University has one million dollars given by Ray Charles to support the construction. It is planned for design and construction to start in FY 2008-2009, with occupancy occurring by Fall 2010.

Supporting Documentation

- [1] [ASU Land \(Google Earth Image\)](#)
- [2] [ASU Buildings](#)
- [3] [Campus Master Plan](#)
- [4] [Major Repair and Renovation Guidelines from the Board of Regents](#)
- [5] [Funding for facilities](#)
- [6] [Room Utilization Report](#)
- [7] [Technology Readiness Assessment](#)
- [8] [BOR Strategic Capital Model](#)
- [9] [Approval of Ray Charles Fine Arts Center](#)
- [10] [Ray Charles Site and Summary](#)
- [11] [Strategic Plan 2006-2011](#)