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Dear Mr. Jones:

In accordance with your March 20, 2026, request to the Institutional Data Administrators, enclosed is the University of Central Florida's (UCF) Five-Year Fixed Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2027-28 through 2031-32. The final plan was approved by the UCF Board of Trustees on June 10, 2026.

UCF's top Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) priority is the construction of the 102,765 GSF Intelligent Manufacturing & Autonomous Engineering Innovation Building (Research II). This facility is critical to advancing the university's strategic research objectives, particularly the Discovery and Exploration goals identified in the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan. An Advanced Planning and programming study has been completed to evaluate research space needs and identify the optimal site location. The project received \$10 million in funding in FY 2026-27, allowing us to begin the project design and positioning the project to advance efficiently into construction upon full project funding.

UCF's second PECO priority is the renovation of Howard Phillips Hall into a Student Success Center. Built in 1968, Howard Phillips Hall is one of UCF's oldest campus buildings and requires comprehensive renovation. Its central campus location makes it well-positioned to serve as a hub for programs aligned with UCF's strategic priority of Student Success and Well-Being. The university received partial funding for this project in FY 2025-26 and is seeking the remaining funding needed to advance to construction following completion of design.

The university's third PECO priority is the Discovery and Innovation Hub located at the Daytona State College campus. The project received \$35 million in legislative funding during previous sessions and will support an expanded UCF presence in Volusia County. The facility is anticipated to house programs focused on the

insurance industry, conference and education space for workforce training, and community partner space.

UCF's fourth PECO priority is the Workforce Entrepreneurship Resource eXchange (WERX) center on the main campus. This interdisciplinary facility is intended to support student success initiatives through teaching laboratories, active learning classrooms, and maker spaces designed for shared use across multiple academic colleges. The project received \$5 million in funding in FY 2026-27, allowing us to begin the project design in order to proceed into construction upon full project funding.

Additional projects included on the PECO list consist of renovation and remodel projects for the Chemistry Building, Engineering II Building, and CREOL Building. These facilities have significant deferred maintenance needs and were identified in the university's recently updated Educational Plant Survey.

No new projects have been added to the Back of Bill list.

These priorities reflect the university's commitment to expanding research capacity, supporting student success, maintaining existing facilities, and maximizing the efficient use of campus space.

We are excited about the opportunities these projects represent in support of UCF's Strategic Plan and its mission to unleash potential. Please contact Jon Varnell, Vice President for Administrative Operations, at (407) 823-1522, or Bill Martin, University Architect, at (407) 823-4037, with any questions or requests for additional information.

Cordially yours,



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