



NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

Memo

To: Board of Trustees
From: Dr. Devin Stephenson, President
Date: August 16, 2022
Re: South Walton Campus Facilities Expansion Update

At the November 2021 Board of Trustees meeting, the Board provisionally approved a site for expanding the facilities on the South Walton campus in partnership with Seacoast Collegiate High School. At the time of that approval, part of the site was planned adjacent to the College's existing facility and the other part of the site may have been on the southern portion of the property, contingent upon a site study showing viability of building in that area.

After that provisional approval, the College provided historical as-built plans and other relevant documents to Seacoast Collegiate High School through the Seaside School Foundation to facilitate the site study. Seacoast selected a civil engineer, Neill O'Connell of O'Connell & Associates. The initial wetlands review by Biome indicated that there were both wetlands and uplands on the southern portion of the property, but that further study would be necessary to determine whether building will be possible. Seacoast is not undergoing that further study at this time, opting instead to focus on the site adjacent to the existing facility.

Seacoast next selected an architecture firm, Williams Blackstock Architects. The College shared its design needs, ranging from capacity and layout of College classrooms, labs, and lab space as well as preferred building layout and its vision for the design of the shared accelerator space, which Seacoast shared with its architecture firm for incorporation into the facility design.

Seacoast is working with the architecture firm to develop plans and specifications on the project along with actively planning its fundraising effort. Through these discussions, the College shared an amended Memorandum of Understanding to address programming and preliminary provisions on division of space, which is under Seacoast review.

The plans and specifications are due to the College in September for initial review, and the parties will continue in the meantime to collaborate on an amendment to the MOU to address division of space and academic programming in accordance with the project timeline.