

# How to Effectively Prioritize Capital Renewal Projects



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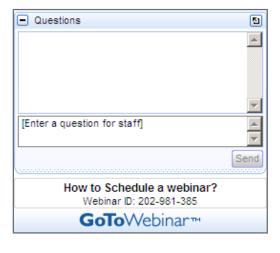




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# Condition Information Only One Piece of the Puzzle

Institutions Must Consider Strategic Goals When Prioritizing Projects

### Sample List of Buildings Ranked by FCI

### **Building** FCI Science Lab Building 66% Administration Building 64% Upperclass Res Hall 51% Academic Office Building 48% Student Center 40% Classroom Building 33% Dining Hall 28% Undergraduate Gym 28% Lecture Hall 25% 23% Freshman Res Hall

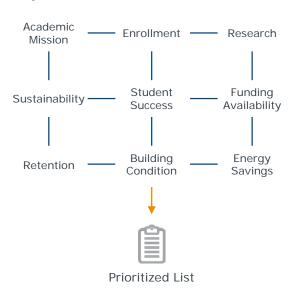
# Sample List of Buildings Ranked by Impact on Strategic Priorities

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	Building	FCI		Poor condition impeding	
-	Science Lab Building	66%	Н	undergraduate learning	
1	Classroom Building	33%•	-	Central to academic mission; historic value	
7.	Freshman Res Hall	23%•		Important for first-to-	
	Academic Office Building	48%		second year retention	
	Student Center	40%			
	Upperclass Res Hall	51%			
	Dining Hall	28%			
	Undergraduate Gym	28%			
	Lecture Hall	25%			
1	Administration Building	64%•		Repairs not crucial to achieve strategic goals	

# Competing Goals Complicate Prioritization Process

Facilities Leaders Seek a Better Way to Evaluate Investment Tradeoffs

### Many Strategic Inputs Necessary for Capital Renewal Prioritization





Strategic goals and institutional mission are more challenging to quantify than FCI, making it difficult for campus leaders to compare the relative priority of different maintenance projects.

### Trickle-Down Prioritization

"The importance of a roof depends on who it's leaking on."

Academic Leader Private Research University





### Prioritization Is Simplified When One Factor Takes Center Stage



### **Curb Appeal**

Elon prioritizes projects that maintain and enhance curb appeal, aiming to attract prospective students with a beautiful campus from the moment they arrive.



### **Student Success**

UWG moving to a system where they prioritize renovations of buildings that provide highest number of student contact hours, leveraging academic and space utilization data to identify spaces with high academic impact.

### Straight from the Source



### Partnering with the Academy to Understand Academic Priorities



# Whitefall University<sup>1</sup> Scores Academic Departments

- Facilities develops a condition-based project list, categorized by building subsystem
- Subsystems ranked using 250-point algorithm evaluating age and current condition
- Facilities executive asks assistant provost to confidentially prioritize departments by program growth
- Facilities cross-checks project list and department rankings to develop mutually prioritized list of renewal investments

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"Many academic leaders think it's academic political suicide to prioritize certain buildings over others, especially if it's enshrined in a paper trail."

Facilities Leader Public Flagship University

# UCI University of California, Irvine

### **UCI's Academic Prioritization Process**

Facilities creates project list based on condition, knowledge of buildings, and risk of failure

Facilities executive meets with 50 academic building facility managers to adjust the list based on academic input

Facilities sends list to assistant deans for review and approval

Oversight Committee (25 senior-level members) meets to review list; committee does not have approval authority, but meeting provides opportunity for members to give input into prioritization process



Project priority list finalized

# Quantifying Considerations to Facilitate Comparison

WIU's Matrix Evaluates Projects on a Consistent Scale

### Western Illinois University's Strategic Building-Wide Renovation Matrix

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	Building		Waggoner Hall	Horrabin Hall		N 4 -
	Building Type		Academic	Academic •—	<u> </u>	Me Pla fill
	Utilization	2.0	5	3		
		WT	10	6	]	
	Life Safety and ADA 3.0		3	2		ea
		WT	9	6		de
	Fundable	1.0	1	5		
NO	N N	WT	1	5		
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RE		WT	8	10		
EGIC	Building Exterior Needs	2.0	2	3		
3AT		WT	4	6		
ST	Deferred Maintenance	3.0	5	5		
			15	15		
	FCA Factor**	2.0	2.75	2.4		
		WT	5.5	4.8		
	Other	2.0	4	2		Ma
		WT	8	4		11
	Comments					en
	Strategic Renovation Factor out of 110 possible points		77.5	77.8		dif fac

Members of the Master Plan Implementation Team Fill out matrix for each building their department occupies



Each score (from 1 to 5) weighted 1, 2, or 3 to reflect metric's relative strategic importance

Matrix assigns score up to 110, a scale sensitive enough to yield sufficiently different outcomes and facilitate comparison

For a complete version of WIU's Building Renovation Matrix, please access the full research study here.





Many Facilities Leaders Draw on Military Experience in Higher Ed Work



ASU is developing a prioritization model based on the U.S. Navy's Mission Dependency Index, which evaluates a building's priority level based on the projected repercussions of its failure.



USF uses a scoring matrix inspired by the U.S. Air Force for prioritizing projects, assessing and scoring projects on five criteria: life safety, operational impact, condition, user priority, and quality.





### Addressing Increasingly Complex Deferred Maintenance Decisions

#### Lesson 1

Communicate Capital Renewal in a Compelling Way to Build Trust and Obtain Resources

#### Lesson 2

Choose Metrics That Support Higher-Order Analyses for Capital Renewal Decisions

# Assessment, Data, and Prioritization

### Lesson 3

Evaluate Benefits of Completing Condition Assessment with Consultants vs. In-House Team

### Lesson 4

Quantify Impact of Individual Capital Projects on Strategic Goals

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### **Planning**

Create Adaptable Capital Renewal Plans for Short-, Mid-, and Long-Term Needs

#### Lesson 6

Lesson 5

Get Buy-In to Take the Worst Spaces Offline

## Immediately Available Resource



### Access the Full Research Study Online





To learn more about how institutions can reduce deferred maintenance backlogs through communication, assessment, prioritization, and planning, access the full research study <a href="here">here</a>.

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