1. **Enhance the Learning Environment.** Student success principles and academic program needs will guide facility decisions. Formal and informal spaces that inspire student learning, enhance the visibility of academic programs, and expand the availability of modern classrooms and other teaching and learning spaces will be priorities.

2. **Enrich Student Life.** The College will provide welcoming, safe, and comfortable spaces that meet the diverse needs of students and evoke a strong sense of place. Spaces will be designed to make it convenient for students and prospective students to navigate administrative and academic support processes. Purpose-built spaces for co-curricular activities, food service, recreation, housing, and other services will enhance student success. Space design also will take into account student needs that exist across the broad range of student ages, cultures and lifestyles, physical abilities, and working schedules, which defines the Columbus State student community.

3. **Develop Strategic Partnerships.** Connectivity and active partnerships within the College and between the College and its neighbors, cities, and other governmental entities, school districts, universities and colleges, and others are essential. The College will seek like-minded partners to advance student success and workforce outcomes, share resources, pursue regional priorities in a collaborative manner, and maximize impact.

4. **Use Resources Responsibly.** Environmental stewardship will guide design and priority decisions. Bikeways, bike corrals, and public transit will be integral means of access. Design principles will include compact and walkable campus environments and energy efficient and sustainable solutions for college facilities and grounds. Structured parking is preferred over surface parking to maximize green space. New construction and renovations will be completed in an environmentally and financially sustainable manner.

5. **Design for the Future.** The College will recognize the impact emerging technologies will have on building and facility needs, including classrooms and other learning environments, common spaces, and parking. The College will make efficient use of existing facilities and capital investments before undertaking building expansion. The College will design flexible spaces to accommodate expected and unexpected needs.

6. **Preserve Unique Character.** Design principles shall be applied consistent with the unique character of Columbus State’s two campuses: the Columbus Campus, located in an urban environment, and the Delaware Campus, located in a natural setting accessible via a major thoroughfare. The College will be responsible neighbors in the civic and community structure of these two unique campuses.