

### SECTION 3, COMPREHENSIVE STANDARD 3.10.7

The institution operates and maintains physical facilities, both on and off campus, that are adequate to serve the needs of the institution's educational programs, support services, and other mission-related activities.

#### JUDGMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Compliant

Partially Compliant

Noncompliant

#### RATIONALE FOR JUDGMENT OF COMPLIANCE

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"North Georgia College and State University is committed to academic excellence. Consistent with that commitment, the University will:

- Provide support services and an environment conducive to the students' intellectual, ethical, social, and physical development and cultural awareness so that they can become knowledgeable and responsible state, regional, national, and international citizens;" [1, p. 11].

"The Office of the Vice President for Business & Finance is responsible for the management of the fiscal resources of the University. Fiduciary responsibilities include the areas of auxiliary services, budget, capital resources, comptroller, human resources, materials management, physical plant and public safety..." [2]. A unit, strategic goal for the Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance in the current strategic plan is to:

"Continue to seek both major capital and maintenance and repair resources consistent with the University Master Plan and responsive to the needs of the University" [3].

NGCSU's Physical Plant Office provides custodial services, landscape services, mechanical services, a service response center, and structural services. These units are essential in maintaining the smooth operation of the University on a daily basis. Furthermore, the University has developed

and implemented a Master Plan [4]. This document plays a vital role in ensuring that present and future development of campus facilities and physical plant align with North Georgia College and State University's objectives and goals identified in its Strategic Plan and Mission Statement [5].

Recent capital projects include the completion of the Natural Health and Sciences facility. Beginning service in the summer of 2002, this facility provided 94,000 square feet for the School of Natural and Health Sciences. The facility houses the departments of Nursing, Physical Therapy and Biology, as well as providing state of the art laboratories, two distance education classrooms, the Center of Teaching and Learning Excellence [6], and the George E. Coleman, Sr. Planetarium [7]. John H. Owen Hall [8] completed in 2001 is a co-ed residence hall. The facility is a five-story brick building containing 76 four-bedroom/two bath apartments housing up to 314 residents. Owen Hall has local telephone service, basic cable service, and network access to each room. This air-conditioned building has a central lounge, study room, conference room, laundry facilities, and vending machines. Each apartment bedroom is fully furnished, including one twin bed with a standard-sized twin mattress, a chair, desk, chest, closet, and a cable outlet. The window measures 72" wide and 60" high with blinds provided. The apartments are also furnished with neutral carpet, refrigerators, garbage disposals, microwaves, and dishwashers.

Minor projects include the renovation of the old materials management and plant operations facility into the Brooks Pennington Jr. Military Leadership Center [9]. This 28,653 square foot facility houses the *Department of Military Science* [10], the Commandant of Cadets, distance education classrooms, computer labs, and a state of the art conference/meeting room.

In addition, NGCSU has completed the construction of a new plant operations and materials management facility totaling 31,541 square feet. This facility provides for the future needs of NGCSU in support of plant and procurement operations.

Future projects include the design and construction of a new Library & Technology Center [11]. The project, located in the vicinity of the University tennis courts, will be an instructional and academic support center, combining library, classroom and computer lab facilities. The building will serve students and the local community as an access point to alternative learning technologies, providing for technology-enhanced learning and emerging trends in distance and distributed learning technology.

In addition to buildings, NGCSU maintains and operates four distance education classrooms. These learning facilities support academic programs such as nursing, foreign languages, physical therapy, military sciences and continuing education. Each location is capable of communicating via H.323, IP video-conferencing. NGCSU also has more than 50 classrooms configured with instructional technology including instructor computers, LCD projectors, and network access. Many of these classrooms provide standardized Crestron controls.

NGCSU provides classes at three offsite locations in Gainesville (Gainesville State College), Forsyth county, and Acworth. NGCSU students studying at the Gainesville State College campus have access to facilities and student services through the University Center [12]. These services include access to the Academic, Computing, Tutoring & Testing Center (ACTT) [13], John Harrison Hosch Library [14], Fitness Center [15], Bookstore [16], and Counseling and Career Services [17]. NGCSU faculty has individual offices at the Gainesville campus and access to personal computers, copiers, and fax machines. NGCSU conducts classes at North Forsyth High School where students have access to computers and classroom facilities. The NGCSU bookstore visits this location once a semester and faculty have access to copier and fax machines. The North Georgia College and State University Nursing department conducts remote instruction to the Windy Hill Wellstar Health Systems facility in Acworth, Georgia. Approximately 40 students have access to computers, video conferencing, clinical, and classroom facilities. NGCSU maintains onsite, video-conferencing facilitators at both the Gainesville and Acworth locations to assist faculty.

Finally, NGCSU provides 26 computer labs across campus to support student learning. These labs support both general research and discipline specific learning. These labs provide access to a total of 441 computers.

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2		NGCSU Vice President of Business & Finance web page	<a href="http://www.ngcsu.edu/Bus_Fin/index.htm">http://www.ngcsu.edu/Bus_Fin/index.htm</a>
3		NGCSU Proposed Strategic Planning Unit Goals 2003-2008,	<a href="http://www.ngcsu.edu/Resource/IRP/Strategic%20Plan%20Jan%202004-FY%202008/goals.htm">http://www.ngcsu.edu/Resource/IRP/Strategic%20Plan%20Jan%202004-FY%202008/goals.htm</a>

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4		NGCSU Physical Master Plan Executive Summary, 1998	<a href="http://www.ngcsu.edu/sacs/Reference_Room/documents/NGCSU_documents/Phys_Master_Plan_Exec_Sum.pdf">http://www.ngcsu.edu/sacs/Reference_Room/documents/NGCSU_documents/Phys_Master_Plan_Exec_Sum.pdf</a>
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6		Center of Teaching and Learning Excellence	<a href="http://www.ngcsu.edu/ctle/">http://www.ngcsu.edu/ctle/</a>
7		George E. Coleman, Sr. Planetarium	<a href="http://www.ngcsu.edu/Academic/Sciences/Planetarium/planetarium.htm">http://www.ngcsu.edu/Academic/Sciences/Planetarium/planetarium.htm</a>
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10		Dept. of Military Science	<a href="http://www.ngcsu.edu/Academic/Catalog/MilitaryScience.htm">http://www.ngcsu.edu/Academic/Catalog/MilitaryScience.htm</a>
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14		Gainesville State College John Harrison Hosch Library	<a href="http://www.gsc.edu/library/main/">http://www.gsc.edu/library/main/</a>
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17		Gainesville State College Counseling & Career Services	<a href="http://www.gsc.edu/studev/counseling/">http://www.gsc.edu/studev/counseling/</a>