Facility Standards Version 2 or FS2 is an important component of doing work for or with the University. The standards are performance based rather than prescriptive with the intent to allow creativity and innovations in solutions for the University. They are also complimentary to consultant contracts and the internal Project Management Manual. Additionally, the standards allow regular feedback from users and are updated annually each July. Using the standards is easy since it is an Adobe PDF, indexed, on-line document and organized from global to processes to detailed guidelines and information important to staff, users and consultants.

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