

25. Counseling Center Redesign (New Location).

Goal B2

B2. Redesign of the Counseling Center spaces to meet the needs of both Student Systems and Student Life functions.

Problem Statement

Currently, the Counseling Center is located on the second floor bridge location of the West Building in an area that is both isolated from Enrollment, Registration and Financial Aid and Advising activities, as well as isolated from the rest of the Student Life Program staff. The current Counseling Center location is difficult for new students to find and is not in a location which facilitates Counseling staff's delivery of services to students who are going through the Admissions, Registration, Placement and Financial Aid processes. Counselors who are assigned to work with these functions must leave their normal work area and staff temporary registration activity spaces. This results in inefficient use of time, lack of incoming students' easy access to all key Counseling resources, and limits the efficiency with which Counseling staff can respond to periods of unusually heavy or unusually light new student enrollments.

Proposed Solution

The Counseling Center will be relocated to the ground floor of the Bonnell Building adjacent to the other Student Systems activity spaces. The Counseling Center should include office spaces for approximately 15 counselors, clerical support space, space to support counseling reference materials and computer terminals designed to facilitate career and transfer planning, flexible, multi-function space with easy access to the Counseling reference materials, and support space for the College's Scholarship Office.

Cost Estimate

Counseling Center Redesign

Total Construction Cost	\$307,190.00
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(Note: All estimates are in 2003 dollars. On average, construction costs increase 1% to 2% per year. See detailed cost estimate prepared by Turner Construction in Appendix A)

