

7. Learning Lab Consolidation

Goal A11

A11. Redesigning and (potentially) consolidating learning lab resources.

Problem Statement

Currently, there are two learning labs in the Bonnell Building. The largest lab is on the first floor and provides general services to the Arts and Science students. The second floor Bonnell lab provides services to Business Division students. The existence of two learning labs creates several problems for the College. The first floor lab is opened during the day, in the evening and on Saturday. However, the second floor does not have extended day and weekend hours, meaning that the services unique to the second floor Bonnell learning lab are not easily provided in the extended day and weekend hours. The existence of two learning labs makes the location for services difficult for students to comprehend, and creates some inefficiencies in terms of staffing and space usage. The demand for learning lab services is currently greater than the physical space capacity of the two learning labs, and an expansion in square footage is required. In addition, the design of the second floor learning lab is such that the learning lab is noisy and makes it difficult to deliver certain types of services. The classroom design of the first floor learning lab is not well-thought-out and makes it difficult to divide the typical 20-person class into small groups for group activity. There are not sufficient classrooms to handle the current level of demand for learning lab services, particularly in the ESL program. Currently, 12 classrooms exist to provide services. Ideally, there should be approximately 20 classrooms. The current office count, which is 12, should be expanded to 20. Approximately 25 percent more general-purpose (tutoring) space is needed to accommodate the current level of utilization. Computer technologies are likely to change the way that some learning lab services will be offered in the future. The current learning lab infrastructure does not support the easy introduction of computer technology.

Proposed Solution

The first floor and second floor Learning Labs in the Bonnell Building will be consolidated into one expanded Learning Lab on the first floor of the Bonnell Building. To achieve this expansion, the current AV space other than the TV Studio will be demolished and a redesigned learning lab created within the larger space. Conceptually the learning lab will have three sections. The interior center core will accommodate faculty offices. A surrounding second section will accommodate tutorial space and the outer space will accommodate small classrooms used for group



instruction. The tutorial space will include stations for computer-based instruction. Under this plan, the West Building learning lab would remain at its current location and retain its current services. The TV Studio and related support space adjacent to the learning lab would not be incorporated into the learning lab space.

Cost Estimate

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Total Construction Cost: \$724,010.00

(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)



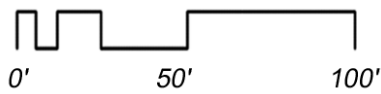
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Bonnell first floor

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