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President’s Report (President Mercer)
Laboratory Credit Issuance in School of Theoretical and Applied Science (Dean Saiff)
President’s Library Renovation and Learning Commons Task Force (President Mercer)
AY17-18 Draft Meeting Calendar
  Wednesdays 11AM-1PM
  10/11/17, 12/6/17, 2/28/18, 4/18/18
New Business
Background

October 2013
Board of Trustees adopts the College’s 2013 Campus Facilities Master Plan. The Plan notes, among its six facility renewal projects (A&B Wing, D&E Wing and Mansion, G Wing, H Wing, Student Center) that the Library merits renewal and expansion as a Learning Commons.

December 2015
Faculty Assembly Library Renovation Task Force (FALRTF) formed and charged to:
• prepare a white paper with detailed quantitative and qualitative data on the current condition of the Library,
• draw comparisons with libraries at competitor institutions, and
• present its recommendations to the Faculty Assembly (FA) for approval and, upon approval by the FA, for presentation to the President’s Cabinet.
January 2016
Board of Trustees approve submission of a capital request for State bond funds for renovations to the Library and the addition of a Learning Commons.

April 2016
Faculty Task Force issues its Final Report inclusive of recommendations to the College to:
• assess the feasibility of remediating the current Library space and,
• depending on the feasibility of renovation, pursue funds to remediate, upgrade, and expand the current facility, or else build a new facility

Note:
The Report’s recommendation aligned well with the College’s 2013 Campus Facilities Master Plan which noted that the Library merited renewal and expansion as a Learning Commons.
June 2016
College is awarded $15 million from the State for the project.

September 2016
President’s Library/Learning Commons Task Force is established and charged to:
• routinely engage with their respective stakeholder groups, design professionals, and others to inform and shape the form, function, and aesthetic of presented plans and designs for the project
• Task Force membership :
  • Roark Atkinson, Assistant Professor, Salameno School of Humanities and Global Studies
  • Tim Babasade, Director, Information Technology Services
  • Beth Barnett, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
  • Cathy Davey, Vice President of Institutional Advancement & Executive Director of the Foundation
  • Sara Gazzillo, Executive Assistant to the President (Recording Secretary)
  • Leigh Keller, Associate Professor & Librarian
  • Erin McKenna, President, Student Government Association
  • Peter P. Mercer, College President, Task Force Chair
  • Steven Perry, Dean of the School of Contemporary Arts
  • Stephanie Scheeler, Director of Special Events and Presidential Facilities
  • Elizabeth Secke, Dean of the George T. Potter Library
  • George Tabback, Associate Vice President of Information Technology
  • Susan Vallario, Secretary, Board of Trustees
  • Melissa Van Der Wall, Dean of Students
  • Kirsten DaSilva, Vice President of Administration and Finance (Advisory)
  • Representatives of Ramapo’s Capital Planning Team (Advisory)

November 2016
Board of Trustees approves tentative budget for the project and engages Bohlin, Cywinski, and Jackson of Wilkes Barre, PA for architectural and engineering services for the Capital Project.
Library Project Goals

• Focus on program elements that promote academic work and learning
• Provide a comfortable, healthy and attractive facility that attracts users
• Incorporate increased technology that is available for everyone
• Future-proof: design space for current and future needs
• Provide both individual and group study environments
• Provide access to books, journals and special collections
Activity thus far...

I. Programming Phase
- balancing of project hopes, dreams, realities, and priorities
- Initial Library and Centers programming discussions
- Tenant Matrix
- Structural and Mechanical building survey
- Initial ITS programming review meeting
- Student input sessions
- Existing building seating quantification and collection assessment
- Tour of Williams College Sawyer Library
- Civil building and site survey
- Building envelope assessment
- Meeting with food services

II. Schematics Phase

III. Construction Phase