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Westfield State University

Project Progress Update Spring 2019

Agenda

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- Project Goals
- Working Group Updates
- Progress and Preliminary Findings and Recommendations
- Project Timeline
- Community Input and Communication
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Introductions

- Westfield State University (WSU)
- Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM)
Mila Mendoza- Project Manager
- Dober Lidsky Mathey Planners (DLM)
George Mathey- Principal in Charge
- Miller Dyer Spears Architects (MDS)
James Loftus- Principal in Charge
Nareyda Rodriguez- Project Manager



Project Goals: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Higher Education Major Project Criteria

- Invest in repairing, renovating, demolishing or replacing current facilities
 - Maximize use and functionality of existing spaces, deferred maintenance, etc.
- Develop more flexible and innovative program delivery models
 - Include online or hybrid learning while improving student access and outcomes
- Align investments to the priorities of the Workforce Skills Cabinet
 - Connect workforce data with graduates and how project will close gap
- Expand and deepen programmatic collaborations
 - Between and among other academic institutions and public/private partners

Westfield State Working Groups Update

Parenzo Working Group – Campus representative group working with Architect, DCAMM project manager to resolve operational and tactical project planning issues. Three academic project working groups will have representation on this group. Chaired by Project Architect.

Student Success Working Group – Identify best practices in student success planning, how technology can be effectively used, and recommend optimal space needs. Chaired by Dr. Celeste Donovan.

Center for Innovation in Education and Industry Partnerships Working Group – Outreach to campus and external constituents to prioritize programming needs; define technological framework; develop operational plan to support vision. Co-Chaired by Dean Tom Raffensperger and Dean Juline Mills.

Academic Departments Working Group – Academic departments in Parenzo and Mod Hall; develop classrooms of the future and impact of new pedagogies while embracing technology to advance education; focus on office, classroom and lab space. Chaired by Dr. Emily Todd.

Working Group Membership: Academic Departments Working Group

Gabriel Aquino, Chair, Sociology

Glen Brewster, Honors Program

Chris Hirtle, Executive Director, Academic Technology Services

Hugh Jo, Chair, Political Science

Megan Kennedy, Chair, Education

Nora Padykula, Chair, Social Work

Shoba Rajgopal, Chair, Ethnic and Gender Studies

Emily Todd, Dean, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Hugo M. Viera, Chair, Language and Culture Studies

Nicholas P. Wojtowicz, Associate Director, Academic Technical Services

Working Group Membership: Student Success Center Working Group

Celeste Donovan, TRIO

Christina Swaidan, Undergraduate Studies

Azanda Seymour, Urban Education

Laurie Simpson, Academic Advising

Monique Lopez, Registrar

Junior Delgado, Career Center

Enrique Morales-Diaz, Dean of Faculty

Scott Clark, Information Technology Services

Maureen McCartney, Academic Advising

Nicole West, Retention/Academic Achievement

Working Group Membership: Center for Innovation in Education and Industry Partnership

Brian Conz, Department of Geography, Planning, and Sustainability

Chris Hirtle, Executive Director, Academic Technology Services

Jennifer Hixon, Department of Health Sciences

Susan Leggett, Office of the President

Juline Mills (Co-Chair), College of Education, Health, and Human Services

John McDonald, Department of Environmental Science

Tom Raffensperger (Co-Chair), Academic Information Services & Library Director

Kimberly Sherman, Department of Economics and Management

Tamara Smith, Sociology, Coordinator of the Gerontology Minor; Coordinator, Civic Engagement

Jessica Tansey, Program Development and Outreach/College of Graduate and Continuing Education

Working Group Membership: Parenzo Working Group

Erica Broman, Institutional Advancement

Celeste Donovan, Student Success Working Group

Susan Leggett, Office of the President

Mila Mendoza, DCAMM

Diane Prusank, Provost/Academic Affairs

Tom Raffensperger, Co-chair, Center for Innovation

David Riggles, Facilities

Steve Taksar, Administration and Finance

Emily Todd, Chair, Academic Departments Working Group

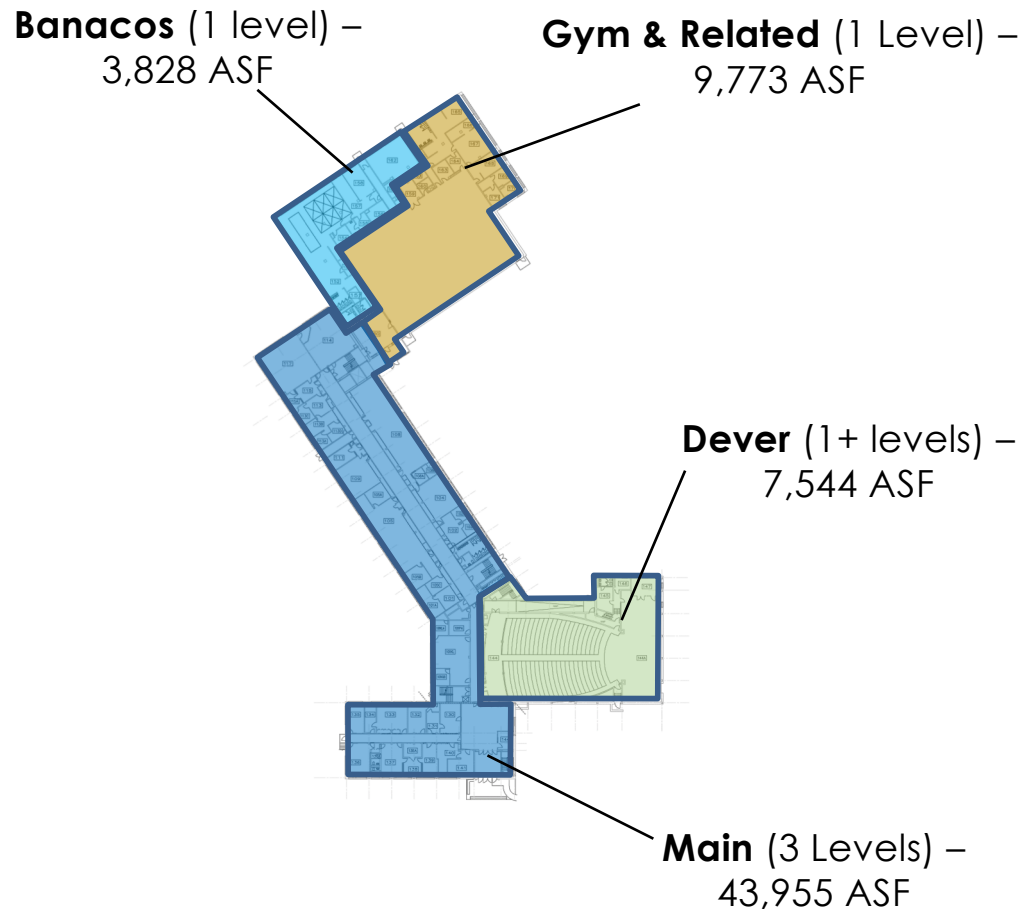
Project Progress

- Dober Lidsky Mathey and DCAMM conducted over 40 programming interviews with more than 70 individuals including the Working Groups
- Conducted focused group assessment of gym usage for competitive, intramural, and academic use
- Inventory of campus space is complete
- Gap analysis in progress: comparison of current and needed space
- White papers drafted by working groups
- Design team selection



Preliminary Findings : Analysis of Program Fit

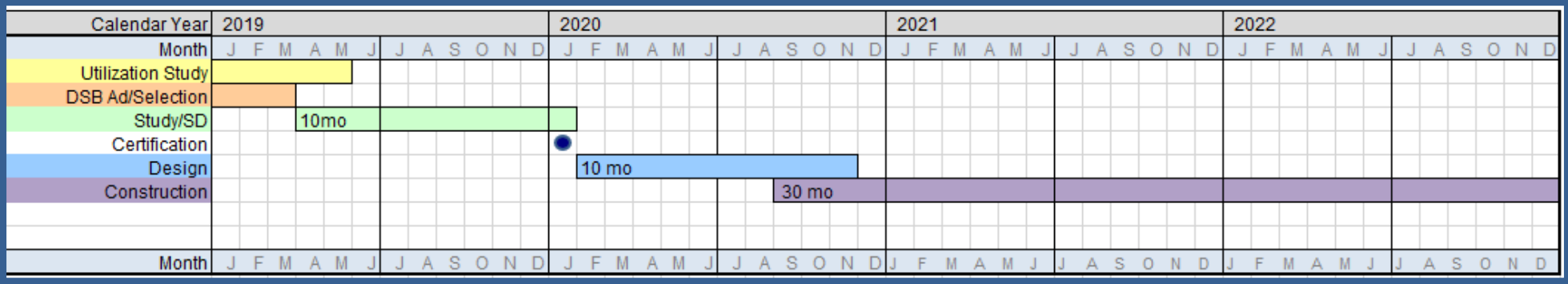
- Parenzo has 65,100 ASF total (likely to diminish with renovation – Working number \approx 63,000 ASF)
- Current ASF of existing units intended for Parenzo = 69,321 ASF. Shortfall of 6,321 ASF.
- Modeled/Right-sized ASF of all units/uses intended for Parenzo = 78,818 ASF. Shortfall of 15,818 ASF.
- Options to address shortfall:
 - Reduce units in Parenzo
 - Reassign units to other buildings



Preliminary Findings and Recommendations

- Political Science and Education will remain in Parenzo
- Student Support Services will remain in Parenzo
- Parenzo Gym will remain in use

Project Schedule



Process/Phases	Description
Utilization Study	Gather and Analyze space needs for each department
DSB Ad/Selection	Architect and Consultants selection
Study/Schematic Design	Existing conditions verification and Preliminary Design Solution
Design	Final Construction Documents and Cost Estimate
Construction	Executing Design Solution/ Renovation

Community Input

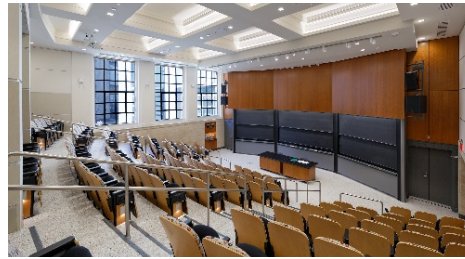
Typical Issue	Input	Final decision
Safety, Code, Universal Design, HVAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Health and Safety Personnel, Facilities • Associate Director, Facilities and Planning • Director, Banacos Center (and constituents) 	Design Team
Space Planning and Programming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities Planning Advisory Committee • Student Success Working Group • Academic Departments Working Group • All constituents currently located in Parenzo and Mod Hall • Center for Innovation Working Group • Parenzo Working Group • Associate Director, Projects and Space Planning 	Cabinet
Ensure Alignment of Project Goals with Commonwealth/DCAMM Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenzo Working Group • President's Cabinet 	Cabinet/DCAMM

Communication

Finding Information	Type of Material
Web Landing Page	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reports when finalized (e.g., space utilization)• White papers by academic working groups• Timeline• Town hall slides• Answers to FAQ
Working Group Members and Chairs	Ask Working Group chair or member
Facilities Planning and Advisory Committee Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detailed information presented there (e.g., space utilization data)• Project updates
FAQ	Call or email; FAQ will be posted on landing page
Town Hall Meetings	Open meetings by design team

MDS/Miller Dyer Spears Architects

- Architecture, Planning and Interior Design firm based in Boston
- Staff of 40
- WBE
- Specialize in Higher Education



MDS/Miller Dyer Spears Architects

- Sustainable Design Approach
- Signatories of the AIA Architecture 2030 Commitment
- Living Products 50 Member
- Focus on User Health and Wellness



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NORTHERN ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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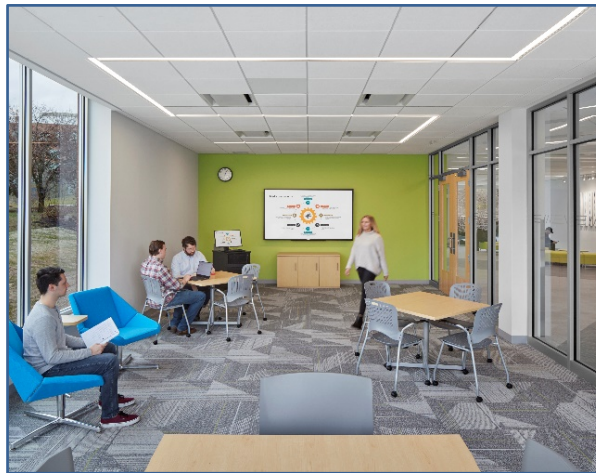
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MDS/Miller Dyer Spears Architects

- Environments for Learning
- Technology, Flexibility, Transparency
- Universal Design – serving the needs of all users



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