re(in)novation

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Building History

Fred B. Wenn Building (1970)
*Approx 100,000 ft², enrollment = 7,000*

Bookstore Addition (1971)
*Additional 25,000 ft², enrollment = 8,000*

Retail Addition (1984)
*Additional 25,000 ft², enrollment = 11,000*

Greenhouse Addition (1986)
*Additional 4,000 ft², enrollment = 12,000*

Stamps Commons (2004)
*Repurposed 50,000 ft², enrollment = 17,000*

*With each addition to the building, we have had challenges with HVAC, wayfinding, and accessibility.*
Current Building

150,000 ft\(^2\)

*Enrollment = 23,000

*Campus Population = 30,000

Standard for ft\(^2\) per student*: \textbf{10 ft}^2/\textbf{student}

Current Building: \textbf{6.5 ft}^2/\textbf{student}

Proposed: \textbf{13 ft}^2/\textbf{student}

*According to Association of College Unions International
Current Building Statistics

17,000 people walk through the building every day.

The building’s pipes and mechanical systems are all original (45 years old).

The Student Center hosted 10,297 room reservations last year (≈735 reservations per room).

The building has one true lounge space, and it has only 25 armchairs.

The building has 6 student offices for Tech’s 400 student organizations.
Project History

2005 - Strategic Assessment by WTW Architects

*Findings: Outdated systems, need for additional space, navigability challenges, aesthetic issues*

2009 — SGA Resolution & White Paper

*Expressed support for expansion to Pres. Peterson*

2012 — Launch of Student Center Expansion Committee (SCEC)

*Made up of student leaders, responsible for funneling student opinion and educating the campus*

2013 — SGA Resolution

*Expressed support for expansion to Pres. Peterson*

2014 — Association of College Unions International Peer Review

*Findings: Building’s role needs to shift from transactional to relational*

2015 — Visioning Exercises with Workshop Architects

*Findings: Identified goals in/by a new building*

2015 — Two Day Charrette with key campus administrators (October)
Serve the entire Georgia Tech Community.
Reset, restore, and refuel.
Showcase Georgia Tech’s accomplishments, and be a catalyst for creative expression.
Foster friendships and bridge across cultures, disciplines, and interests.
Promote leadership and involvement.
Activate Tech Green.
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Cost of a new building

The total cost of the building will be 100 million dollars

- 50 million generated by student fees (50%)
  - not to exceed $85 per semester
  - won’t go into effect until students are using the building
- 25 million Institute funds (25%)
- 25 million Auxiliary funds (25%)
Next Step...

- Have student body vote

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Government Association approves a referendum of the Georgia Tech Student Body on the question of a new mandatory fee to fund the Student Center Re(in)novation with the following stipulations:

- the fee **will not exceed $85** per semester;
- the fee **will not take effect until the building opens** ensuring only students able to benefit from the facility upgrades will pay for it
Tentative Timeline

- If approved by SGA, Student Body will vote **March 9 – 16** yes or no to the fee
- November 2016 - Student Fee Committee Reviews Proposed Fee
- April 2017 - Board of Regents Fee Approval
- June 2017 - Request for Design Team
- November 2017 – Project Design
- May 2019 – Phased Construction
- Summer 2021 – Building Complete

**Students will continue to be included in every step of the process**
Frequent questions...

• Where will new building be located?

• Will the building be phased?

• What will it look like? What is going to go in the building?

• Will students be involved in the process?

• I won’t be here to use the new building – why should I pay?

• How long will students be charged a fee?

• How do you plan to let students know about voting?
What you will see around campus to get the word out

- **Legos**... *Help build a better...*
- **Pilot Lounge Space** on 1st floor
- **Marketing Campaign**
  - Signs, posters and banners
  - Goals of the building
  - **Student Center Champions**
- **Behind-the-scenes tour**
- Events weekly starting January 22nd – March 16th throughout the building
Remember:
You are voting today so the Georgia Tech student body can voice their opinion about the fee and a re(in)novated Student Center
Questions or if you would like to get more involved?

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