

SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT 2003-2004

The Provost's Space Committee meets regularly throughout the year to recommend allocations and renovations of space in support of the University's mission and institutional priorities. Membership includes the Provost, the Executive Vice-President for Finance and Administration, the Executive Vice-President for Planning, the Vice-President for Computing and Information Services, the Vice-President for Campus Life, the Associate Vice-President for Facilities Management, the Associate Vice-President for Budget, the Associate Provost, the Executive Dean in the Division of Biology and Medicine, the Director of Planning and the Director of Academic Resources. The Space Committee's work is overseen by and subject to approval from the President, the Corporation Facilities and Design Committee for design issues, the Corporation Real Estate Committee for leases, purchases or sales, and the Corporation Budget and Finance Committee for the financing of new and renewal space.

Requests regarding the space needs of academic units come to the Space Committee through the Academic Priorities Committee decisions that approve new academic programs and/or faculty positions, or from academic departments seeking space renovations for new faculty. Administrative and campus life requests come to the Space Committee from Senior Officers. Facilities Management manages on-going maintenance and renovation requests. The Space Committee's work also is guided by the master planning work that Frances Halsband is conducting.

If you have questions about the Space Committee process, please contact Nancy Dunbar, Associate Provost.

Below is a summary of the concrete steps taken during 2003-04 regarding specific major space projects.

Academic Initiatives and Programs:

- The **Environmental Change Initiative** and new faculty from the **Marine Biological Lab** at Woods Hole will engage many departments. Space for these academic programs has been identified in the **Biomed Center** and in **Macmillan Hall** and will be renovated over the course of the year.
- As the Population Studies Training Center moves to the Cabinet Building, the new program in **Spatial Structures and the Social Sciences [S4]** will be housed where PSTC once was located: the third floor of **Maxcy Hall**.
- The **Center for Computational Molecular Biology** has begun operations in **70 Ship Street**.
- Half of the third floor of the **CIT** has now been renovated for **Computer Science; Computing and Information Services (CIS)** has moved to Davol Square.

- Preliminary planning for **Sidney E. Frank Hall** is underway. Frank Hall will be the new home of **Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences** and the **Brain Science Program**.
- Offices and labs for new faculty have been built or renovated:
 - **Humanities Center, Pembroke Center:** Alumnae Hall:
 - **Africana Studies:** Churchill House:
 - **Psychology:** Hunter: Lab
 - **Religious Studies:** Shirley Miller House:
 - **Economics, Political Science, Public Policy:** Blistein House
 - **Physics and Engineering:** Barus and Holley

Campus Life projects

- **Artificial turf** will be installed at behind OMAC. This project will support more intensive use of the intramural field.
- Four **Student Lounges** (Faunce House, Arnold Lounge, New Pembroke and Barber Hall) were renovated for the return of students.
- New **Satellite Fitness Centers** were created in Emery Lounge and Bigelow Lounge.

Renewal projects

- **Fire code upgrades:** the University responded to new and demanding fire code changes in about half of the residence halls over the summer. Upgrades to remaining halls are scheduled next summer.
- The project of residence hall renovation continued this summer with improvements to **Miller, Metcalf, Caswell, Hegemon** and **Machado**.

Updates on continuing and completed projects:

- Construction of the **Life Sciences Building** is well underway and on target for completion in April of 2006. Outfitted with over 50 new laboratories and covering 168,000 square feet, it will support the work of faculty members, research staff, post-doctoral fellows, graduate and undergraduate students and provide an essential resource for undergraduate education.
- The renovation of **70 Ship Street**, a former jewelry manufacturing building located in the Downtown Historic District, as a laboratory building is complete. The faculty move-in began on schedule, in mid-August. The 70 Ship Street site represents an additional 105,000 gross square feet of laboratory for laboratory research in molecular medicine, including genetics, genomics, proteomics, structural biology, pharmacology, and pathology.

- The first floor of **Manning Hall** is being renovated as a display space and extension of the **Haffenreffer Museum**. This new exhibition space will bring to the center of campus rotating exhibitions from the collections maintained at the Bristol facility. The renovation will be completed in 2005.
- The **Cabinet Building** (68 Waterman Street) renovation is nearly complete and will provide a new home for the **Population Studies Training Center**. The full interior renovation of the Cabinet Building includes faculty and administrative offices, computer facilities, a seminar room, a reading room and graduate student space for the interdisciplinary research center.
- **Library Annex Facility:** The renovation of **10 Park Lane** as an off-campus library storage facility will allow us eventually to move 1.5 million volumes from on-campus libraries and the Harvard Book Depository, which in turn will provide expanded program space in the libraries. A portion of Graphic Services has also moved to 10 Park Lane to free up the Cabinet Building for PSTC. The construction work at 10 Park Lane is to be completed in February, '05; the process of moving volumes into storage will take several years to complete.