

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

ANNUAL REPORT: PROVOST'S SPACE COMMITTEE 2004-2005

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 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 Vice President of Development and Campaign Director, 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 come to the Space Committee through cognizance of new academic programs and/or faculty positions that have been approved or are in planning stages, from academic departments seeking space renovations, for example for new faculty, or from senior officers overseeing the academic, administrative, and campus life areas. Facilities Management manages on-going maintenance and renovation requests. The Space Committee's work also is guided by the University's master space plan that was approved by the Corporation, and by subsequent related work of the University's consulting architect.

To understand the full scope of academic, student, and administrative needs, the Space Committee uses a complete space inventory, which identifies all University space in terms of square footage, layout and departmental assignment. These and other data allow the committee to keep track of acute space needs, to understand the impact of growth, and to plan capital projects. A substantial portion of the Space Committee's biweekly meetings is devoted to the dynamic process of evaluating and balancing the most pressing space needs, and to developing strategies to address them. These needs range from projects to support office and lab renovations for new faculty, to major capital projects supporting campus life, research and/or teaching, to critical infrastructure and renewal projects. The result of the entire decision-making process regarding University space is a constant stream of design and construction projects: in August, Facilities Management was working on 63 individual projects at various stages of design and construction.

Below is a summary of the concrete steps taken during 2004-05 regarding specific major space projects.

Academic Initiatives and Programs

Several multi-year capital projects supporting academic initiatives and programs were approved during 2004-2005:

- **Sidney Frank Hall** will provide a new home for the **Department of Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences** and the administrative offices of the **Brain Sciences Program**. Public space on the first floor offers function spaces, including a recital hall and classrooms. The project currently is in the programming and design phase and is planned to be completed sometime in the 2008-09 academic year.
- **Pembroke Hall** will be completely renovated for the **Cogut Center for the Humanities** as well as the **Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women**. The project is in the programming and design phase and is scheduled for completion by Fall, 2008.
- A full renovation of **Grant Recital Hall** will give the **Music Department** an outstanding performance space, as well as a venue for many teaching activities. The space will be ready for occupancy in December, 2006.
- **Environmental Change Initiative:** Renovations for faculty in **Ecology and Evolutionary Biology** and **Geological Sciences** in both Macmillan Hall and the Biomed Center continued during 2004-05 and will be completed in the upcoming year.

Academic renovation projects completed during 2004-2005 include the following:

- The **Taubman Center for Public Policy** renovation provided offices for faculty and staff associated with the new masters program in Public Policy.
- A renovation of the first floor of **Manning Hall** established new exhibition space for the **Haffenreffer Museum**, where elements of the Bristol collection can be brought to the center of campus and shared with Brown students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the community.
- **Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences:** The first phase of space renovation for S4 was completed in Maxcy Hall.

In addition, offices and labs for new faculty have been built or renovated in these departments:

- **Religious Studies**, Shirley Miller House
- **Geological Sciences**, Geochem
- **Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences**, Metcalf
- **Ecology and Evolutionary Biology; Molecular Biology, Cell Biology and Biochemistry**, Greenhouse
- **Ecology and Evolutionary Biology**, Biomed Center
- **Italian Studies**, 190 Hope Street
- **Mathematics**, Kasser House

- **Commerce, Organizations and Entrepreneurship**, Feinstein House
- **Philosophy**, Gerard House

Campus Life Projects

Several major projects focused on strengthening the campus environment are underway:

- Programming and design work for the **Jonathan Nelson Fitness Center** began in spring, 2005. The Nelson Fitness Center is planned for completion in August of 2008.
- **Susan & Richard A. Friedman Study Center** will provide 24-hour study space, including collaborative meeting rooms, quiet study space and computer and media support work space, on the first three levels of the Sciences Library. Project completion is scheduled for January of 2007.
- **The Walk**, the connective green space between Lincoln Field and the Pembroke campus, is also being designed.

Other campus life projects included:

- Renovations to the **Sharpe Refectory**: renovations of the **Ivy Room** and the **President's Dining Room** have been completed and installation of an elevator is planned as a next step.
- Exterior painting of **Wriston Quadrangle**.
- New floors in the **Grad Center**, **Perkins** and **New Pembroke** residence halls.
- Interior renovation of **Wayland** for the Office of Residential Life.

Renewal and Infrastructure Projects

Each year the University invests in multiple renewal projects across the entire campus. Among the projects for 2004-05 were exterior painting of four buildings, including the John Hay Library, a major exterior renovation of Nicholson House, and roof replacements at the Rockefeller Library and Sharpe Refectory. Of particular significance were two major renewal projects:

- Facilities Management completed **fire code upgrades** in Brown's 48 residence halls this summer, including new sprinkler and fire alarm systems. One-half of the dormitories were renovated last summer and the rest were completed before students returned this fall.

- A major **utilities upgrade** that will provide sufficient and reliable heating, cooling and power to all current and currently-planned buildings is nearing the end of the planning stage.

The Year Ahead

The Space Committee will continue to devote considerable attention to the regular discussion of projects associated with academic program development and new faculty appointments in the Plan for Academic Enrichment, oversight of ongoing capital projects, and the University's renewal and infrastructure needs, including utilities, disability access and Fire Code requirements. In addition, Space Committee's agenda will include assessment of laboratory needs in the physical sciences; planning for upcoming capital projects, such as the Creative Arts Center and the renovation of Rhode Island Hall; utilizing new space and space vacated by current projects (e.g., J. Walter Wilson Hall, Metcalf, 121 South Main Street); student housing; the Medical School; library needs; and parking.