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UCS Recommendations for the Stephen Robert '62 Campus Center

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Dedicated in 1904, Rockefeller Hall was built, "to be devoted primarily to the social and religious uses of the students of the university." Over the past century, Faunce House has continued to fulfill this purpose for generations of Brown students. As the university embarks upon a renovation to prepare Faunce for the next century of use, we would like to issue the following recommendations of services for the new facility.

- **Printer or Computer Setup**

There is currently no central printing location on campus between the Rockefeller Library and Sciences Library. The addition of a printing area, possibly in cooperation with a set of computer kiosks would allow students to print wirelessly while remaining in Faunce.

- **Focus on the Entryway**

There are many entrances to Faunce House and clearly they will change with the renovation. While a center entryway up the steps of Faunce may not be the most effective location for a main entrance, it is important to maintain the Faunce steps and allow for an entrance into what is now the center of the Blue Room.

- **Retaining the Underground**

The Underground is a great weekend hotspot for students. It provides a facility for both the over and under-21 crowd, and is a great outlet for student bands to perform, poetry readings, or even cabaret nights. Retaining this space, and possibly enlarging its area, are items the committee should investigate.

- **Increased Bathrooms**

While there are currently bathrooms in the basement and on the second floor, enlarging and upgrading the facilities is imperative. This is especially a problem since anyone located on an upper floor of Faunce House must go down to at least the first floor to then have access to either set of restroom facilities.

- **Careful Planning of New Eating Area**

A new and expanded eating area would be a welcome addition to Faunce. While the specifics of the eatery are not for the committee to decide, it is important to make sure the surrounding area is comfortable and large enough to support the daily traffic that has always been a staple of Faunce House. In addition, we urge for the planning of an eatery area that can be used as a late-night facility in addition to daytime dining.
- **Big Open Structure**

A large open structure to the building is important. There are numerous ways to achieve this feel, through glass walls, removing of partitions, and the addition of natural light. We urge the committee to maintain an open and welcoming environment as much as possible.
- **Recreation Lounge**

Currently the on-campus facilities for general entertainment (i.e. ping pong, foosball, pool, etc.) are restricted to a small and run-down area in the Bear's Lair. An expansion of this into a Faunce Recreation Lounge is something we urge the committee to consider.
- **Disability Access**

We understand that the building will have to comply with ADA standards, as any new building or renovation of this size is normally required. We urge, however, that a focus be placed on maintaining an equal experience for disabled students. This includes the use of the same entrances, a central elevator, and wide hallways, as opposed to special disability entrances in the back or side of the building.
- **24 Hour Space**

Above all else, it is important for the committee to look at Faunce as a twenty-four hour building. This includes space for students to meet in small groups, whether for student activities or studying purposes. Small meeting rooms, as well as large spaces, such as the Lower Blue Room are important. It is also important to be careful in the planning for the type of furniture that is anticipated. It is difficult to eat or hold a meeting in a lounge area with low and small tables, while no lounge should include office-style seating. Therefore it is important to maintain an eye toward the purposes of different parts of the building and planning space for the correct furniture, so that in the end what is purchased is not simply what happens to fit in the room.