



Memorandum

To: Faculty Senate
Seton Hall University

From: Katia Passerini, Ph.D.
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Re: From Senate - Memo re AFC Recommendations for UC Renovations
2021-FS-19

Date: August 24, 2021

We are in receipt of 2021-FS-19, the Faculty Senate Resolution on AFC recommendations for the University Center renovations. Although these are University decisions as opposed to strictly academic affairs, we support the priority to use this University Center renovation as an opportunity to allow for better allocation of space for faculty needs. To that end, after working with the University's Facilities Engineering, Division of Finance, and the Division of Students Services, we respond to each of your three requests as follows.

First, we are pleased to convey that the University Club dining space can be relocated to the Galleon Room cafeteria to allow University faculty and staff to benefit from both the larger seating capacity and enhanced food selection and choices will retaining the reduced-price lunch meal plans.

Second, we are pleased that a new Faculty Lounge can be created on the University Center's second floor to allow for a true lounge, break, and private meeting space for faculty and staff with comfortable furniture and other appropriate amenities. We agree this space would nicely provide enhanced work break space for main campus faculty, meeting and workspace for adjunct faculty, and temporary accommodation for faculty with offices on Nutley or Newark campuses when on the South Orange campus.

Finally, we are further pleased that this can be a place where the faculty senate can use a room for its meetings on work on behalf of the faculty and where the Center for Faculty Development can present its workshops, seminars, and new collaborations with the newly-created Inclusion and Community Center. Scheduling and room set-up can be addressed through Student Services, by Ghana Hilton. Faculty availability has not been an issue in the past, and the Faculty Senate can continue to schedule all their faculty lunches before the start of each semester. The room will continue its previous use as a multi-purpose room to be used by the University community with faculty having first priority in scheduling as has been our consistent practice. As for the movable wall, facilities engineering investigated the costs and benefits of this

option with finance and student services, and concluded the University cannot proceed with this option under the current budget.

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