

COMMENT AND PERSPECTIVE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

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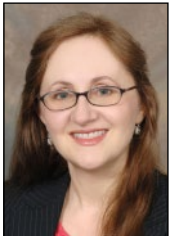
It is important to have the best facilities available for our faculty, staff and students. While construction around us can sometimes be bothersome, it is nonetheless a strong demonstration of progress in our college. I've asked Lejla Zejnilovic from university Planning + Design + Construction and Pete Koch from the CoM Dean's Office to provide an update on various projects around the College of Medicine.



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As Major MSB Project Reaches Completion, Efforts Shift to Other Facilities Upgrades



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The first phase of the Medical Sciences Building (MSB) Rehabilitation Project began in 2004 with the groundbreaking for the CARE/Crawley Building, which opened in 2008. Following that, we transitioned to the next three phases, which consisted of a total rehabilitation of the MSB's heat, ventilation, air conditioning and life safety systems. The last phase of the project was completed in December 2014 and now we are moving into other smaller, but nonetheless important, construction efforts.

Returning to the MSB

January marked the beginning of the massive orchestration of moving 34 departments and divisions back into the south half of the MSB. More than 600 individuals are returning to this area from temporary locations in the MSB, CARE/Crawley, CVC, Wherry Hall, Health Professions Building, Stetson Building, Victory Parkway Campus and portions of UC Medical Center. Planning + Design + Construction and the Dean's office have worked closely to plan these moves, have met multiple times with each department impacted and have provided periodic updates through the CoM Space Logistics Group, which includes representatives from each college department.



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The project design, which began in 1998, reduced laboratory space in the southeast quadrant of the MSB, replacing it with much needed office space. The plan took into account new lab space in the CARE/Crawley Building, and expanding faculty numbers requiring more office space. Unfortunately, all of the offices on the bridge connectors to the hospital had to be eliminated to bring the building up to code. With this, the net gain of offices was much less so office space planning remains a challenge.

Consideration was given to the schedules of departments and divisions so moves back to the south half of MSB can be conducted with as little disruption to faculty and staff as possible. Moves also are being coordinated with other university departments, including Project Services, which is working on nonproject-related departmental requests, and UCit, which is working to ensure smooth phone and data transitions.

Faculty and staff will notice new shared open areas on Levels 3 through 7 providing places to meet and collaborate with colleagues or share time with others. And the opening up of the ends of the southeast and southwest hallways allows for more natural light and a spacious feel.

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The move will place Student Affairs in a more prominent location to better serve our students and will be conveniently situated near the Health Sciences Library.

Student Affairs Office Move

The college's Student Affairs office is scheduled to move south of the E-351 lecture hall in May. The move will place Student Affairs in a more prominent location to better serve our students and will be conveniently situated near the Health Sciences Library and across from the UC Bookstore. The move will also free space in Student Affairs' current location for the construction of new classrooms, which are presently in the planning stage. The new classrooms are intended to augment the college's current teaching facilities, which are expanding to include the new undergraduate program in medical sciences.

New Space for Pharmacy Colleagues

This spring work will begin to construct a classroom next to Subway on the E-Level. This room will primarily serve the Winkle College of Pharmacy while the HPB undergoes renovations during the next few years. Construction of the classroom, which will not interfere with food service or egress throughout the dining area, is tentatively scheduled for completion this summer. Improved lighting as well as enhanced heating and cooling for better temperature control of the dining space will also be installed during the construction.

This summer, pharmacy faculty will move into laboratories on the west side of the MSB Level 3 and in the northwest quadrant of Level 2. This is again tied to the HPB renovations, although these faculty will remain in MSB after the HPB renovations are completed in 2017.

Enhanced Eden Garage Connector

Work continues on sprucing up the Eden Garage Connector. New flooring featuring a heartbeat pattern has been installed. New ceilings and wall graphics will be coming in the next few months. Most of this work will be done on weekends to minimize disruption to normal traffic.

New Entranceway

This spring, construction will start on a new revolving door in the CARE/Crawley main entrance next to the dean's suite. The revolving door will rectify issues that developed when wind sometimes forced open the existing doors. It also will help to better maintain temperature in the CARE/Crawley Atrium. This work is tentatively scheduled for completion this summer.

Starbucks Expansion

Lastly, the Starbucks on Level 1 next to the UC Medical Center cafeteria will be enlarged, with work tentatively starting this summer. The full construction schedule is still being developed and updates will be provided as they become available. Most of the vending area that is adjacent to Starbucks will be used for the expansion.

We appreciate your understanding during past and future construction.

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