

Pittsburg State University

Kelce College of Business - Project Gorilla Rising

Project Overview

The Gorilla is something rare within the landscape of higher education. In fact, it's completely unique to Pittsburg State University. Gorilla Rising is an endeavor to develop a project as unique as our namesake, harnessing the powerful spirit this name was originally intended to represent in creating a transformative experience for the benefit of our students and future of the community.

Building on the success of Block 22, Project Gorilla Rising will create a broader and more comprehensive Educational Enterprise District in the heart of downtown Pittsburg with a seamless connection between the central business district and main campus. Utilizing the existing space within Block 22, as well as other adjacent and historically significant buildings, this district will provide a home for the new Kelce College of Business and expanded programming, Enterprise PSU and related initiatives, such as the Small Business Development Center, as well as a number of other multi-disciplinary and community-facing activities and centers, including the Micropolitan Economics Research Center, University Learning Outreach Center and Professional Testing Center. Finally, the expansion of the district will also include more housing for upper-level students.

The result will be a dynamic and vibrant living-learning community, developed in cooperation with the City of Pittsburg and private partners to strengthen the synergy between campus and community. It's a place where academic programs are designed to encourage translational research and facilitate practical application through industry partnerships. A place where the walls of a traditional classroom give way to spaces that are interwoven, allowing for faculty and student to make natural connections with local business and civic leaders. Just as importantly, the expanded footprint of the district creates a more robust platform from which the university can increase access to critical educational services and economic development initiatives.

This project has the potential to create an innovative and unmatched educational experience within our region - something completely unique to Pittsburg State University.

College of Business Building

The initial program statement for the College of Business Building was approved by the Board in May 2016. Attached are revisions to the program statement that describe how the revised College of Business building will serve as the cornerstone of Gorilla Rising and the broader Educational Enterprise District that builds upon Block 22. The estimated cost for this component is \$27.6 million to be funded through private philanthropy, City support, and ARPA Challenge Grant funds. Key to the success of both the university and Gorilla Rising, the College of Business must open in time for the Fall 2026 Semester.

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1. An evolution of Block 22
2. Leverage existing building stock in downtown
3. Capitalize on synergies with other community initiatives
4. Strengthen the Campus–Community connection
5. Grow educational and economic programs and services for the region
6. Connect students and faculty to local and regional businesses, government, and community organizations
7. Provide an improved pedestrian and vehicular experience between downtown and campus
8. Create a financially prudent solution for completing the Kelce College of Business

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Numeric Program

2022 12 09

Room Name		Downtown Campus			Notes
		Qty.	NSF	Total	
Learning Labs					
	Seminar Rooms	1	600	600	20 Seats
	Small Learning Lab	2	809	1,617	30 and 40 Seats
	Medium Learning Lab	3	1,418	4,254	50, 50 and 60 Seats. 2-Combinable
	Tiered Learning Labs				no longer required
	Computer Lab				will utilize a medium classroom
	Lecture Hall - Flat	2	1,850	3,700	70 and 80 Seats
	Lecture Hall - Tiered for Special Events		3,650		200 Seats - Use Theater
	Computer Lab Support				no longer required
	SUBTOTAL Learning Labs			10,171	
Atrium					
	Atrium/Commons/Gathering	1	3,000	3,000	
	Storage	1	250	250	Atrium furniture storage
	SUBTOTAL Atrium			3,250	
Student Academic Home					
	Coffee Shop Counter				Use Root
	Coffee Shop Storage/Inventory				Use Root
	Commons	1	816	816	Casual Open Seating in Groups
	Commons - open study	2	268	535	Seating Alcoves
	Large Team Rooms	6	125	747	4-5 people
	Small Team Rooms	5	93	467	One on One
	Conference	1	223	223	6-8 people
	Student Organizations	1	362	362	small group work area
	SUBTOTAL Academic Home			3,150	

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Room Name		Downtown Campus			Notes
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Dean's / Administrative Suite					
	Reception/Waiting/Admin	1	846	846	
	Board Room	1	740	740	
	Associate Dean's Office	2	160	320	create a front door for MBA program
	Dean's Office	1	411	411	
	Shared Copy/Work	1	178	178	
	Kitchenette	1	119	119	
	SUBTOTAL Administration			2,614	
Advising Suite					
	Advising Reception/Waiting	1	320	320	create a front door for Internships
	Advising Open Office	1	311	311	
	Advising Offices - Small	2	90	180	One on One
	Advising Offices - Large (Incl. Internships)	5	110	550	
	Advising Storage	1	68	68	
	Conference Room	1	238	238	6 people
	SUBTOTAL Advising			1,667	
Faculty Office Neighborhood					
	Reception	1	223	223	includes Student Workers and Admin Staff
	Admin Office	1	110	110	
	Recording Studio	1	122	122	For recording instruction
	Shared Collaboration Space	3	276	828	
	Mail/Work Room	1	228	228	
	Copy/Work Room	1	313	313	
	Break Room	1	218	218	
	Conference Room	1	227	227	
	File Storage	1	100	100	
	Faculty Offices	35	110	3,850	includes new programs
	Shared Adjunct Faculty Offices	3	130	390	2 people per office and/or Hotelling
	GTA Open Offices	22	40	880	Includes 16 GTAs, 6 student workers
	IT Office	1	230	230	Includes computer work area/storage
	SUBTOTAL Faculty Office Neighborhood			7,719	

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Room Name		Downtown Campus			Notes
		Qty.	NSF	Total	
Kelce Centers					
	Supply Chain Management				
	Open Office	1	200	200	
	Private Office	2	110	220	
	Professional Sales Center				
	Open Office	1	200	200	GTA space
	Sales Center Offices	2	110	220	Director, Retail Manager
	Small Meeting Rooms	3	160	480	Mock Interviews, Focus Groups
	Pitch Space	1	400	400	Pitch Space, Focus Groups
	Center for Micropolitan Studies (incl. BEREC)				
	Open Office	1	200	200	2 GTAs, collab space
	5 Offices	5	110	550	3-5 Economists, 1 Data, 1 Network
	Shared Reception/Work for Centers	1	500	500	Admin, waiting, copy/work, collaboration
	SUBTOTAL Kelce Centers			2,970	
TOTALS					
	Learning Labs			10,171	NSF
	Atrium			3,250	
	Student Academic Home			3,150	
	Dean's / Administrative Suite			2,614	
	Advising Suite			1,667	
	Faculty Office Neighborhood			7,719	
	Kelce Centers			2,970	
	TOTAL NSF			31,541	
	GRAND TOTAL GSF		1.70	53,619	

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