

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Dear Members of the Salem State University Community --

These periodic construction updates will keep you posted on work taking place on campus and let you know of activity that might directly impact your work and routines, from electrical outages to changes in parking and traffic on campus. They will be posted on the Campus Planning & Development Web page (<http://www.salemstate.edu/facilities/4257.php>). I hope you find this information useful. Let me know if you have suggestions for improving the updates. Thanks.

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Here is the update on construction activity at the university as of December 1, 2011.

***** LIBRARY/LEARNING COMMONS *****

STRUCTURAL STEEL

Structural steel for the building will begin arriving and erected on Monday, December 12. Trucks will be entering campus at Meier Drive, and the former tennis court area will be used to stage the process. The structural steel frame for the building should be complete by March.

DEMOLITION OF CONNECTING BRIDGE

On December 22, contractors will begin the process of demolishing the bridge that connects the old library building to Meier Hall. In consideration of any final exams being taken that day, only mobilization activities will take place. Actual demolition activity will begin the following day. Work will be completed before the start of the spring semester.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

The construction site for this project is a restricted area. Access inside the fenced perimeter, including the closed portion of College Drive and former tennis courts, is limited to authorized project personnel. As construction activity gains momentum, it will become increasingly critical that faculty, staff and students stay out of the site.

Update –

Excavation for the new building is complete, and the foundation has been placed. Currently, foundation walls are being placed where the building is below grade. The contractor will begin erecting the structural steel frame on December 5, a process that will continue until March. Placement of concrete decks for the upper floors of the building is expected to begin in about six weeks. Portions of the building will be enclosed and heated while the decks are being placed and cured. When this process is completed, attention will turn to the building enclosure – exterior walls, windows and roof – with the

building to be fully enclosed by August. Completion of construction is projected for June of 2013, with the building in service for the 2013 fall semester.

Work anticipated for the coming week:

- Continue placement of foundation walls on portions of the building below grade.
- Structural steel will begin to arrive and be erected starting Monday, December 12.
- Foundation slab and wall waterproofing and perimeter drain installation will continue.
- Shoring to support foundation walls will be installed so back-filling can begin.

Background -

The university is demolishing its former library building to make way for construction of a new library/learning commons. The project, funded as part of a capital bonding bill signed by the governor in 2008, has a budget of \$73.5 million to cover both demolition and new construction. Completion is planned for spring 2013. Demolition of the old building will be accomplished in phases, starting at the west end of the building to clear the site where it overlaps the footprint of the new building and then working its way toward Lafayette Street. No date has been set for completion of demolition.

A campus update on the design of the new building was provided on November 8, 2010. Materials presented at that meeting are available for review at (<http://www.salemstate.edu/facilities/4257.php>). Since that time, the architects have refined the details necessary to guide construction, but no significant changes have been made to the plans.

*** * * FITNESS AND RECREATION CENTER * * ***

SOIL BORINGS

Starting Tuesday, December 6, and extending through Friday, December 9, engineers will be making soil test bores at the proposed site of the new fitness and recreation center. The process will take place in the open space bounded by the ice rink and Alumni Field and between the parking lot and the existing entrance ramp to the building. The engineers' report on the test bores will guide development of the foundation design and other details for the project.

Background

The Board of Trustees recently approved a project to construct a fitness and recreation center as an addition to the O'Keefe Center. The project is expected to add approximately 40,000 square feet of new space and reconfigure about 9,000 square feet of existing space. The new center will include a fitness center with cardio equipment, free weights and stretching areas; a recreational gymnasium with two full-size basketball courts; studios for classes in things like aerobics, Pilates, Zumba, yoga, spinning and more; and necessary locker rooms and support spaces. It will also provide a new main entrance to the O'Keefe Center that will offer improved accessibility to meet ADA standards. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2012, with completion for the fall of 2013. This project will be student-fee funded.

***** O'KEEFE CENTER ROOF AND SOLAR PV SYSTEM *****

Update –

- Replacement of the roof on two portions of the O'Keefe Center is nearing completion.
- Installation of solar photo-voltaic panels on the new roof has begun.

Background –

Working with the state Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM), the university is installing a large solar photo-voltaic array on the roof of the O'Keefe Center. Prior to installation of this system, deteriorated portions of the roof were replaced. This “green” project is possible through a combination of funding including Clean and Renewable Energy Bonds, federal economic stimulus funds, and state funds provided through DCAM.

***** THEATRE INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES (SULLIVAN BUILDING) *****

Update –

- Construction of the new theatre performance classroom, technical design laboratory and costume storage facility is complete, and all new facilities are in use.

Background –

As part of the university's accreditation effort for the theatre program, a performance classroom had to be developed, the former performance classroom being much too small to function adequately. Large men's and women's restrooms in the basement of Sullivan do not meet ADA standards and were located such that they were rarely used. The restrooms, former performance classroom and former technical design laboratory were demolished and reconfigured to provide appropriately designed instructional spaces and new restrooms along the main basement corridor that are ADA-compliant and located to serve occupants of the building and audience members attending events in the Callan Studio Theatre.

***** SMS ATHLETIC TRAINING LABORATORY (O'KEEFE CENTER) *****

Update –

- Construction of the new SMS laboratory, classroom and faculty office is complete, and all new facilities are in use.

Background –

The Athletic Training program is a vital, growing program within the SMS department. A lab of adequate size and configuration is required to support this program if it is to retain its accreditation, which is essential for graduates of the program to be licensed. Existing space in the building, formerly used for a small lab and locker rooms, will be reconfigured into a larger lab. In the process, an existing classroom will be re-developed, and a new faculty office constructed.

***** STANLEY BUILDING RENOVATION *****

Update –

- Renovation of the Stanley Building, including the new campus data center, is now complete. All staff and operations are in place in the renovated building.

Background –

The renovated Stanley Building will house the ITS department, the university's data center and the Facilities department's offices and shops. The university's shipping/receiving department and mailroom were already in the building, as were significant new academic facilities for the Music department.

***** HORACE MANN SCHOOL LIGHTING REPLACEMENT *****

Update –

- Installation of new lighting fixtures throughout the building is complete.

Background –

The project to replace lighting throughout the Horace Mann School was possible due to federal stimulus dollars allocated to the university for energy conservation projects. It will result in a significant reduction in energy consumption and improved lighting in the building. Because the university pays for all utilities for the building, the project will result in direct savings to the university while providing an improved instructional environment for the school.

***** COLLEGE DRIVE *****

Update - No Change in Status

College Drive will remain closed at Lafayette Street. Traffic is directed to the temporary road through Lot A so that demolition work can proceed in the old library building. This routing will continue indefinitely as demolition and construction proceed.

NOTE: THERE IS NO VEHICULAR EXIT FROM LOT A TO LAFAYETTE STREET. IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY, ALL TRAFFIC MUST PROCEED THROUGH CAMPUS ON COLLEGE DRIVE AND EXIT ONTO LORING AVENUE.

Background –

Construction activity relating to the library/learning commons project requires that the upper portion of College Drive near the entrance from Lafayette Street be closed. A new entrance from Lafayette into Lot A was developed, and a temporary road was established from that entrance to a point near Peabody Hall, where traffic rejoins the lower section of College Drive. From that point, traffic flow is normal.

***** PARKING *****

Update – No Change in Status

- New bicycle racks and a parking area for motorcycles have been installed at the Lafayette Street entrance to faculty/staff lot by the old library building (Lot A).
- **Meier Drive between Meier Hall and the Mainstage Theater is now permanently restricted to emergency, service and construction traffic only. There is no parking allowed on Meier Drive at any time.**
- Portions of Lot A have been taken out of service because of demolition activity. Lost capacity has been accommodated in the Peabody Lot. This change will remain until demolition is complete and the closed portion of Lot A is returned to service.
- Handicapped parking spaces have been added on Lafayette Street directly in front of Meier Hall to replace those lost when the tennis court lot closed. This will be a permanent change.

Background -

Portions of the upper section of the faculty/staff parking lot by the old library (Lot A) are closed until further notice due to construction activity. A portion of the Peabody Lot has been reserved for faculty until Lot A is fully back in service. The total number of faculty/staff parking spaces remains equivalent to the number available in the past.

All parking along Meier Drive, between Meier Hall and the Mainstage/Dining Commons building, has been permanently eliminated in the interest of safety. Handicap parking previously on Meier Drive has been relocated to the lot behind the Ellison Campus Center and to Lafayette Street. There has been no reduction in the number of handicap spaces available.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we make facilities improvements at the university. Please look for periodic updates on our progress.