

THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Report on the Redesign of Lerner Hall

March 31, 2017

In order to foster a stronger sense of community on our campus, increase student wellness, and best meet student needs, the Student Committee proposes a full-scale redesign and renovation of Lerner Hall.

This effort is best achieved through a series of immediate, medium-term, and long-term recommended changes to the physical arrangement of Lerner Hall, with the support and collaboration of partners across campus. Please find below brief highlights of a larger proposal.

Immediate Recommendations

- Designation of spaces in Lerner Hall for LGBTQ+ students and people of color, to be used as a dedicated center of community for these identities.
- Conversion of Dining Storage Closet on the 500 Level to a Student Food Bank.

Medium Term Recommendations

- Creation of a central Student Lounge spanning the 200, 300, and 400 levels (See graphic below).
- Conversion of the 300 Level Computer Lab to a Nondenominational Prayer and Meditation Space

Long Term Recommendations

- Creation of a unified Student Health Center that will house all components of Columbia Health Services under one roof, freeing up space for students on Lerner's 500, 700, and 800 levels

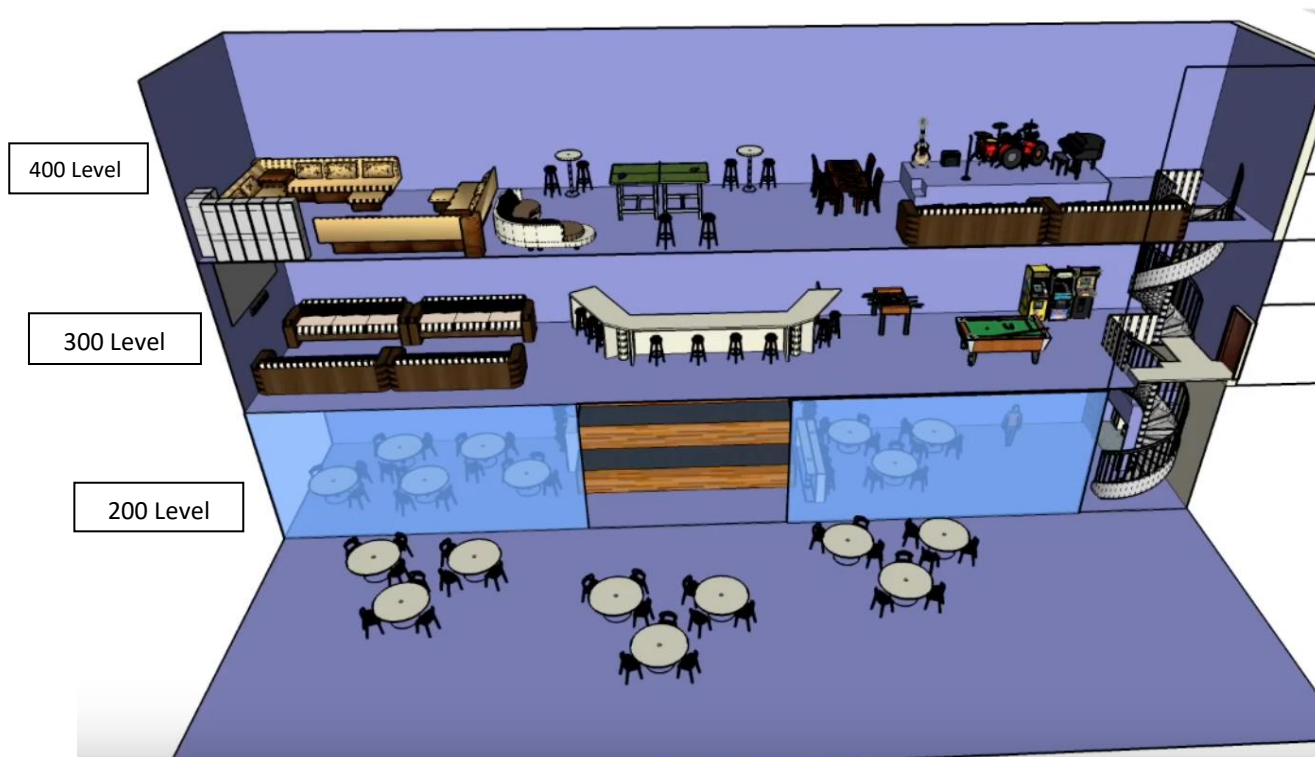


Figure 1: 3D Model of New Central Student Lounge