Living & Learning

Penn Connects 3.0 integrates living and learning experiences on campus with a focus on expanding housing and dining options.

The projects outlined in this theme will enhance housing, learning, dining, athletics and recreation spaces, and incorporate new mixed use development into the campus fabric.

New College House Courtyard
NEW COLLEGE HOUSE WEST

The new undergraduate college house will occupy a prominent western campus gateway site bounded by Locust Walk, Walnut Street, and 40th Streets and will have an enclosed college house courtyard while retaining the common open green space facing Locust Walk. As part of Penn’s residential system of shared communities, this new college house will become home to 450 upper-class students, faculty, and residential staff. New College House West will also provide a mix of multiple bedroom suites and common areas including: study spaces, a living room, fitness room, dining facility, club rooms with kitchens, as well as seminar and music practice rooms.

SIZE 250,000 GSF  COST $163 MILLION
PENN SQUASH CENTER
The renovation of Penn’s squash courts will create a first-class facility with ten international singles courts and two glass exhibition courts. The spectator experience is enhanced by improving sightlines and seating, creating a reception and hall of fame, as well as making the facility fully accessible. The design improves playability, integrates technology and scoring systems, and enhances circulation. The building will be updated on the exterior with new glazing, brickwork, and site improvements.

SIZE 27,000 GSF  COST $18 MILLION

INDOOR TRAINING FACILITY
The Indoor Training Facility will replace the existing Hollenback Annex. The building will enhance the intercollegiate track program, host tournaments, as well as offer a strong visual presence for the University athletic program along the Schuylkill Expressway. The new program area will house space for a 6-lane 200m banked track, 8-lane sprint track, dedicated pole vaulting, high jump, throwing area, retractable seating for 500 spectators, and storage.

SIZE 63,000 GSF  COST $28 MILLION

PENN BOATHOUSE
Planned renovations to the historic building will ensure that Penn’s nationally ranked rowers have the updated facilities they need. The project will expand and renovate common areas, and training and team spaces, nearly doubling the building’s square footage, and upgrade the infrastructure of the building. The revitalization will preserve the distinct character of the building, creating an up-to-date space that serves Penn’s high-achieving athletes, aids in recruiting student-athletes, and is a source of pride to Penn rowers past, present, and future.

SIZE 11,000 GSF (RENO); 5,000 GSF (NEW)  COST $14 MILLION
ADMISSIONS WELCOME CENTER
The Admissions Welcome Center, within Claudia Cohen Hall, will provide a prominent first impression for new applicants and students. The goal for the new Admissions Center is to incorporate a dedicated auditorium for more than 200 people and a multi-purpose space, as well as areas for waiting and event breaks. This location, within Perelman Quadrangle and adjacent to College Hall, keeps the Admissions Center in the historic core of campus. The design of the Center provides flexibility to receive a number of visitors at the same time, and accommodate multiple staff members.

SIZE 10,000 GSF  COST $5 MILLION

FRANKLIN’S TABLE FOOD HALL
The food court located at 34th and Walnut Streets has been transformed into a modern food hall, Franklin’s Table. Local and artisanal food offerings are available in a contemporary setting. Functional furniture and lighting create a bustling and welcoming atmosphere for the University community. The design activates indoor/outdoor connections by creating stronger visual access and seating along Walnut Street and Moravian Court.

SIZE 10,000 GSF  COST $5 MILLION

HOUSTON MARKET
Located in the lower level of Houston Hall, Houston Market serves as a popular dining commons for students, faculty, and staff. The Market’s dining room, server, and kitchen areas will be completely modernized, while leveraging the history and architecture of the space. An inviting place for gathering, socializing, and studying will be created by introducing a variety of seating types which allow individual and group dining. By creating individual food stations with separate points of sale, guests are surrounded with choices and can easily navigate between stands.

SIZE 17,000 GSF  COST $15 MILLION
UNIVERSITY MEETING AND GUESTHOUSE
3808-10 Walnut Street, also known as Eisenlohr Annex, was built in 1898 as a pair of brick twin residences. Currently used as academic program office space, the building will be repurposed as a supplemental office and residential amenity adjacent to the President’s House. The offices and residential suites will serve University dignitaries during their short-term stay.

SIZE 16,000 GSF  COST $23 MILLION

40TH & CHESTNUT MIXED USE
Located at the northwest corner of 40th and Chestnut Streets, this mixed-use third party development is situated near a wide variety of cultural restaurants, a grocery store, and a movie theater and is a close walk to the heart of campus. The development will transform two existing structures through strategic removal, additions, and light-touch facade treatments. The renovated building will house three retail units and five residential units, with a garden to the north.

SIZE 10,500 GSF  COST $3 MILLION

LUNA ON PINE
Designed for graduate and professional students, this third party development will be a five-story market rate apartment building at 40th and Pine Streets accommodating 119 individual units. The building’s proximity to campus will allow those with non-traditional work and study schedules to conveniently access their laboratories, hospitals, and research spaces. Amenities include a lounge, conference room, and gym.

SIZE 70,000 GSF  COST $18 MILLION