

Facilities Report to the College Senate
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Projects Recently Completed



Upton Hall, Phase 1: Infrastructure Improvements

Upton Hall houses design programs and their specialized academic equipment. This project added an extensive ventilation system for the north wing, including 22 exhaust fans to improve air quality. A new kiln room was constructed. Facilities for the glaze and clay mixing suite were improved, and spaces for the Jewelry/Metals and Wood Furniture programs were renovated. The finishing touches on this \$5.5 million project are being completed this month.



Bishop Hall Renovation

This project has returned Bishop Hall to its original use as a residence hall. Bishop Hall has been converted to a 204-bed corridor-style residence for honor students with kitchen, study, lounge and recreation spaces distributed throughout the building. Renovations created restrooms with privacy; common spaces; building entryway improvements; and mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire safety updates. This \$16.1 million project was funded through the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY).



Jacqueline Vito LoRusso Alumni and Visitor Center

This new building, approximately 10,500 square feet in size, is located at the Grant Street campus entrance. It serves as a visitor center and starting point for tours and other special events. It includes offices, reception space and meeting space for up to 150 people. This \$6.9 million construction project was completed during summer 2018.



Science and Mathematics Complex, Phase 4

Phase 4 will complete this multi-year project with the addition of the spherical, stand-alone Whitworth Ferguson Planetarium, greenhouse, lecture hall, classrooms, offices and labs. The cost will be \$35.5 million; winter 2020/2021 completion is planned.



Academic Commons, Butler Library

As part of its Academic Improvement Plan, Buffalo State is co-locating and centralizing academic support services in Butler Library. The resulting Academic Commons will include academic advising, tutoring, the Writing Center, the Math Center, the EOP Academic Center for Excellence, and Student Accessibility Services. Areas of the first and second floors of the library are being reconfigured and upgraded in this \$15.3 million project slated for a spring 2020 completion.

As a result of ongoing construction:

- Librarian offices are now in the third floor CyberQuad area
- Most services, including the circulation and reference desks, are temporarily located on the second floor
- The RITE Support Desk is now in Bulger 200
- The Writing Center is in Butler 310
- Drop-in advising is located in South Wing 100
- Study spaces have been created on the second and third floors, including a large study area with plenty of tables, Chromebase computers, and a printing station in the northeast quad on the second floor. Study and quiet quads on the first floor will remain open.
- There will be a limited number of computer workstations available in the library during construction. Students can borrow laptops at the circulation desk or use equipment loan to reserve laptops or tablets.
- Parking lot I-32 has been taken offline to become the staging area for the project. The 70 faculty/staff parking spaces from this lot have been offset with the change in designation of 70 spaces in the lot formerly identified as Lot R-13 (now Lot-12) from student to faculty/staff.

Academic Commons, Butler Library (continued)

- Butler Library’s east (Argo Tea) and north entrances will be offline, to be used as emergency exits only. The south (StudyQuad) entrance will be unaffected for the duration of the project. It will serve as the accessible entrance during construction. The public elevator will remain available. The west (Plaza) entrance will be offline for a limited duration, to be announced later.
- As the sidewalk between Butler Library and Bacon Hall will be offline, pedestrian access to points east of Butler Library will be available north of the library, or south of Bacon Hall. All entrances to Bacon Hall will remain open.
- Argo Tea will not be available in the library during construction. In the meantime, SPoT Coffee Express has opened in the StudyQuad Lounge on the library’s first floor.
- Construction-related library closings may take place. Library closings due to scheduled construction will be announced in the *Daily Bulletin*.

Please visit the [library renovation website](#) for project updates.



Tower 3 Renovation

Two of the four Tower residence halls -- Towers 1 and 4 -- have been renovated in recent years. Renovations to Tower 3 will include entrance, lobby and elevator rehabilitation; lounge and laundry room improvements; and updates to student suites. This \$14.75 million refurbishment began in summer 2018 and will end in summer 2019.

Projects in Planning and Design during Spring 2019



Central Heating Plant Reconstruction, Phase 1

Buffalo State’s current steam plant is at the end of its life cycle. This project will replace its original boilers with new and more efficient versions. This will save costs for fuel, operation and maintenance; reduce harmful emissions and potential for harmful fuel leaks and provide a more reliable source of heat and hot water for the campus. This \$18 million project phase is expected to begin construction in September 2019.

Projects in Planning and Design during Spring 2019 (continued)



New Turf and Track at Coyer Field

Buffalo State's turf field is used for football, soccer and lacrosse, as well as for recreational purposes, camps and rentals. Its six-lane track is used by college track and field teams. This two-season, \$4.5 million project will replace the track, turf field, scoreboard, goals and goal posts. Construction will take place in summer 2019 for the turf and summer 2020 for the track.



Iroquois Drive Reconstruction

This project will rebuild the entirety of Iroquois Drive, improving drainage, lighting and adjacent walkways.

The Department of Transportation project to update New York State Route 198 remains on hold. Buffalo State's Iroquois Drive reconstruction was designed to coordinate with the DOT project but can proceed without it. Should the DOT project proceed in the future, Iroquois Drive will be compatible with it.

This is a \$7.9 million renovation slated for a spring 2019 construction start and winter 2020/2021 completion.



Building 50

Building 50 (also known as the Ruslander Building) was built in the 1950s and acquired by the campus in 2003. It was constructed for manufacturing but has been used by Buffalo State as a storage facility. This 92,000 square foot building is in great need of rehabilitation.

This renovation will provide appropriately designed space to accommodate University Police and custodial and grounds employees; renovate warehouse and dock space; and create a better link to the main campus pedestrian spine and designated visitor parking areas. This is a \$14.8 million project.