

Frequently Asked Questions

Proposed Student Center at North Seattle Community College

1. What is the Project?

The proposed project would create a new center for gathering and student life in the heart of the campus. Space in the Technology Building will be remodeled to provide spaces for things such as food service, a game room, club rooms and student government offices. A new, two-story atrium space, located in the existing courtyard between the Tech Building and the Arts & Sciences Building, would provide an airy, daylit multi-purpose space for eating, assembly and events.

2. What Would Happen to the Existing Cafeteria?

The new Student Center replaces the existing cafeteria. However, the Espresso Bar and Baxter Center will remain in the College Center.

3. Is this a Completed Design or Just an Initial Concept?

The current drawings illustrate an initial planning concept that was developed to describe the scope of the project and develop a construction budget. If the student body votes to support the project, an actual design will be prepared. There will be significant, on-going opportunities for students and for the NSCC community as a whole to have input on the design.

4. Is this a Sustainable Design Project?

Yes, it is. It will be designed to meet the United States Green Building Council's LEED Silver Certification standards, as a minimum. The project will be developed to reduce material and energy consumption, and to be environmentally-friendly.

5. How Will the Project Be Funded?

About one-third of the 21,000 square feet of the new Student Center will be inside the Tech Building, which is paid for by State funds. Students are being asked to pay for a portion of the new atrium structure. The college administration has committed itself to raising \$4 million for the atrium. Student fees, over a 20 year period, will pay for the other \$6 million.

6. Why Should We Do This Project Now?

It makes sense to take advantage of the state funding that has already been committed to the project. If the students decide not to support the project, that funding is likely to be committed elsewhere.

7. How Will Adjacent Buildings and Programs Be Impacted?

Impacts to the surroundings will be mitigated through the design. The art studios on the north side of the atrium, for example, will get new skylights to preserve their daylight and other amenities and to deal with access and acoustics.

8. How Can I Get Involved?

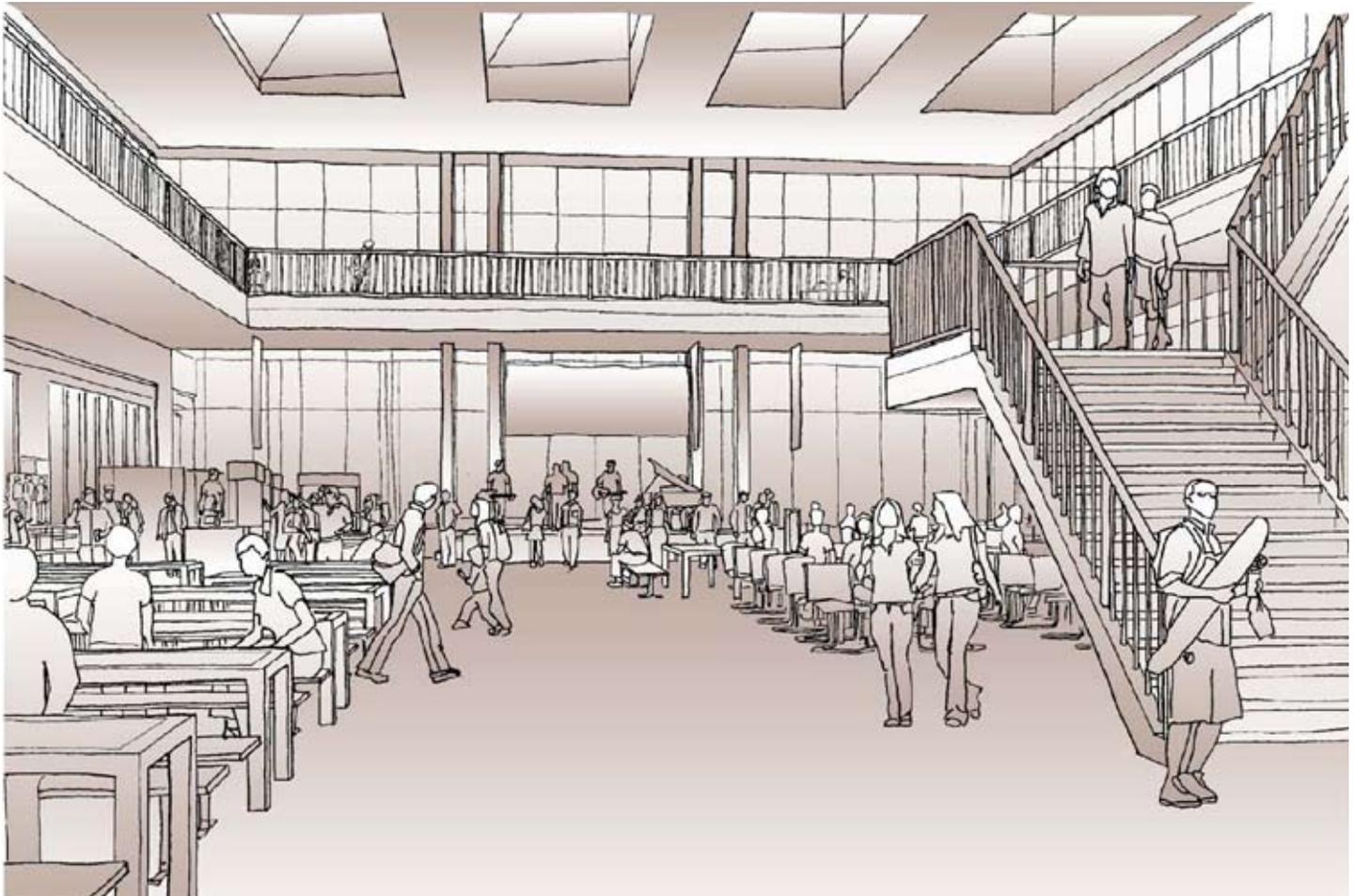
Vote yes in the online student survey for the proposed Student Center and talk to your SAC representatives about opportunities to get engaged in the design process.

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