



**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
Campus Facilities Planning Committee
Request for Project Approval Form**

1. **Project Number**
2. **Project Name** **West Dining Facility**
3. **Committee Date** **January 14, 2011**
4. **Requesting Department** **Auxiliary Services**
5. **Contact Name & Phone Number** **Esmeralda Valdez
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6. **Presenter:** **Esmeralda Valdez**
7. **Description of Request**

This item requests approval for the use of land located west of the Quadrangle Residence Halls and bordering a proposed Campus Inner Loop Road for a new West Campus Dining Facility by August 2012.

Project Overview

The new West Campus Dining Facility will be approximately 15,000 NSF/ 25,000 GSF square feet residential dining hall to support the residents of the Quads, the new Cougar Place Replacement Project and the needs of the campus community on the west side of campus.

The facility will feature the Real Food on Campus (RFoC) all-you-care-to-eat concept that is currently very popular with Quad residents and the communities who work in Roy Cullen, Heyne, Farish and McElhinney. It will provide an excellent alternative and compliment to the renovated Moody Dining Facility. A new C-store providing small grocery and convenience items will also be included.

In order to serve the approximately 1,500 residents of these communities as well as prepare for Phase 2 of Cougar Village, it is important that this facility be up and running by August 2012.

Background Information:

The existing dining area in Oberholtzer is small, outdated and has extensive deferred maintenance issues. In addition its location is not ideal for serving the west campus. Renovating this existing facility would be prohibitively expensive, costing more than a new facility. It would also not yield the capacity to meet existing needs let alone the increased demand anticipated in the future. Finally renovation would not allow us to provide the same enhanced state of the art dining experience a new facility could offer.

As the number of on campus residents increases there will be an increased need for residential food service. The renovation to Moody Dining also shows that if a new top quality state of the art facility is provided the campus community will respond enthusiastically and demand will increase exponentially.

The existing 400 bed Cougar Place complex will be demolished this year. In its place a new 800 bed complex geared toward sophomores and upper class students will open in Fall 2012. This new facility will not include kitchens in the units and its residents will be required to purchase a meal plan. This will significantly increase the need for additional on campus dining options.

In addition Cougar Village Phase 2 is beginning conceptual planning. Opening of this significant structure is expected in Fall 2013 further increasing the need for on campus dining facilities.

This project will meet these needs, provide a new state of the art facility, provide an attractive alternative to complement Moody Dining, include outdoor dining options and increase service to the campus. When coupled with the Cougar Place Replacement project, renovation to the Quad and Cougar Village Phase 2 it will also increase student life and enhance the Cougar student experience.

Design will begin immediately with groundbreaking this Fall. Construction would continue thru FY2012 with the project opening in August 2012 (at the same time as the Cougar Place replacement project opening). Once the new facility is open the space occupied by the existing dining facility in the Quad can be renovated for other student support needs.

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| 8. | Cost of Project | Approximately \$7 million |
| 9. | Source of Funding: | Dining Revenue |
| 10. | Proposed Start Date: | Upon approval |

Spencer Moore
Executive Director
Facilities Planning & Construction

Date: _____

Attachments



West Dining Hall Site Plan