

New CSU Northridge Building Approved by CSU Board of Trustees

At its September 24, 2013 meeting, the Board of Trustees of the California State University approved CSU Northridge to proceed with the design of a new building to house the Tseng College of Extended Learning.



About the Tseng College

The Tseng College at CSUN creates and delivers innovative programs that provide access to the University's distinguished scholarship and teaching for midcareer professionals, international students, regional employers, institutional partners, and the regional community. The Tseng College works with CSUN's other academic colleges to develop baccalaureate degree completion programs, graduate degree and certificate programs, and continuing professional education programs that prepare midcareer adults for career advancement or career change in rapidly growing fields. CSUN's English-language and college-preparation program offered through the Tseng College is among the Nation's largest. The Tseng College is one of the largest self-support units in the CSU, generating \$36 million in total revenue and serving more than 15,000 students annually. Tseng allows CSUN to achieve its regional economic development mission by:

- supporting innovation that leads to academic excellence and distinction;
- enhancing the educational and research links between the University, the region, and the broader national and global constituencies;
- and increasing the University's financial diversification and stability.

How this Project Supports the Future of CSUN and Tseng College

This project is critical to the vitality and growth of the Tseng College. The College was displaced from its home within the University's administration building nearly twenty years ago as a result of the 1994 Northridge earthquake. Tseng was moved into the 26,000 gross square foot space it still occupies today within the Bookstore Complex. This space is not

configured appropriately to support the current and planned instructional and administrative operations of the College.

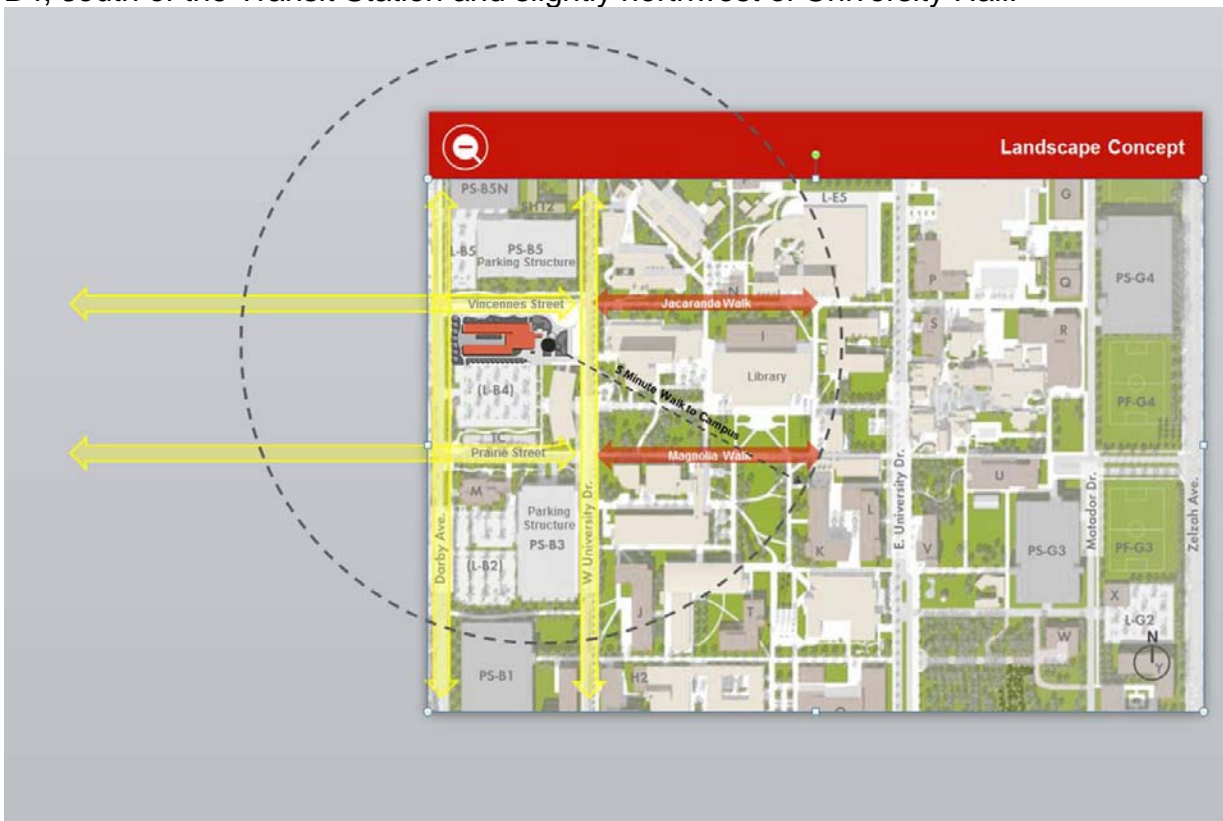
The proposed new facility will allow the College to expand CSUN's presence in graduate, international and midcareer education, as well as in applied research and research relationships with regional, national and international employers. It will increase the physical profile of the Tseng College, serving to bolster enrollment and promote increased private sector partnerships. The space will be versatile and reconfigurable, enabling it to respond to changing models and modes of research, teaching and learning in the decades ahead.

How the Project Benefits State Supported Instructional needs

The project will provide other important benefits to CSUN's state-supported instruction and research programs. The new facility will provide over 10,000 gross square feet of flexible, technology-rich classroom space that campus state-supported programs can use during daytime periods, which is a non-peak time for mid-career programming. It will also help address the additional space needs associated with CSUN's growing research programs. The space freed-up within the Bookstore Complex can be repurposed to improve undergraduate student engagement through expanded grant-funded research opportunities.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Project

- **Where is the building site?** The new building for Tseng College will be housed at the southeast corner of Darby Avenue and Vincennes Street, at the north end of Parking Lot B4, south of the Transit Station and slightly northwest of University Hall.



- **How big is the building?** The building will be 68,470 gross square feet, and 44,713 assignable (usable) square feet.

- **What will be in the building?** The building will provide administrative, program development, and production space and will include 10,000 square feet of classroom space. The new building will house the seven departments under the Tseng College: Dean's Office; Distance Learning Development and Production; Graduate and Professional Education Programs; Marketing and Communication; International Programs and Partnerships; Admissions, Registration and Financial Aid; and Finance, Human Resources, and Student Services. This new space will enable more efficient operations and provide better student services.
- **When will the building be completed?** Building construction is scheduled to begin in September 2014 and be completed by August 2016.
- **How much will the building cost?** The budget for the project is \$37,242,000, including construction, fees, furniture, and equipment.
- **How will the University pay for the building?** The Tseng College has saved for many years to pay for this building and has set aside a construction reserve to cover the cost. If it is necessary to finance a portion of the project cost for a short term, the Tseng College will be able to cover any debts incurred.
- **What are the next steps in the process?** The design of the building will start now and once completed, construction bids will be solicited. After the bidding process, the project will go before the Board of Trustees for final approval of the financial plan and construction will start.
- **What will happen to space vacated in the Bookstore Complex when Tseng moves most of its operations?** University planners are currently prioritizing uses of the remaining space that will be vacated by the Tseng College based on university planning priorities and the need for additional research space.
- **Who are the consultants and contractors partnering with us on design and construction?** Architects and designers from the Irvine office of LPA, Inc. have guided the feasibility study and are now engaged in the schematic design of the building. The Los Angeles Office of Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction has been selected as construction manager/general contractor.