



Administration and Operations Division

April 2018 Update

A message from Kirsten Volpi,

Executive Vice President

Over that past academic year, the Administration and Operations Division has been developing and implementing a number of new initiatives in an effort to better serve the campus, create efficiencies, and streamline processes. We acknowledge that we were very ambitious when setting these goals, particularly given all the opportunities and changes that are happening on campus. With this in mind, we want to thank everyone for their contributions, hard work, and patience as we continue to build on and enhance the many things that make Mines such a great place to work and learn.

To update you on a number of the initiatives in our area, ***I would like to invite you to attend one of two Town Hall update meetings being held on April 26. The first one is at 10:30 am in CTLM 102 and the second will be at 3:00 pm in Alderson Hall 304.*** The primary topic will be an update on the Business Process Re-engineering project. I know this is a busy time, but please plan to join us at one of these meetings. Your participation is an important factor in making positive changes at Mines!

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Listed below is a quick overview of the ongoing and upcoming initiatives the Administration and Operations Division is working on.

Provost Search

The search committee will be meeting with candidates before the end of April and we hope to have candidates back before graduation for all-campus interviews.

Total Compensation Study

In the spring of 2017, Mines hired Sibson Consulting to conduct a benchmarking study to assess the competitiveness of our academic and administrative faculty total compensation. Because the results are specific to different major employee groups/areas of Mines, we will be holding targeted sessions oriented specifically to those classifications. Sessions were held on April 16 and 17 for the Administrative Faculty in Academic Affairs, the President's area, and Research and Technology Transfer and on April 20 for the Administrative Faculty in Administrative and Operations Division.

Construction Projects

Thank you to those of you that attended one of our many sessions to discuss Mines' next **Master Plan**. For further information, you can view a video at (<https://youtu.be/I8yMfO4bleU>). We plan to hold more sessions after the summer which will show the Master Plan more fully developed.

- The new **Classroom Building and Parking Garage** continues through the design phase. This structure will provide approximately 900 parking spaces and state of the art classrooms. In addition to parking and classrooms, the building will be home to the Trefny Center for Innovative Teaching & Learning, Environmental Health and Safety, and Access Services. Construction will begin October 2018.
- The new **Residence Hall** to the west of the Starzer Welcome Center is midpoint through design. The residence hall will house 400 students and include a Café plus a Fitness and Wellness Center. Construction begins in November 2018 and will be complete spring 2020. Students will occupy the building for the Fall 2020 semester.
- Mines will be adding 250 more student beds at **1750 Jackson Street**. Working with developer, Confluence Company, we will expand our footprint for this new residence hall that is anticipated to be complete spring 2020.
- The renovation of the **Green Center** has begun as well as planning for a renovated second floor. The building will be offline until spring 2020.
- The **plaza** going in on 16th Street south of CoorsTek will be done fall 2018.

United States Geological Survey (USGS)

Planning moves forward on our new initiative with USGS that could bring USGS employees from the Federal Center onto the Mines campus. A program planning committee has been formed and has held its first meeting and is projected to continue throughout the summer.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our April 26 Town Hall meetings and encourage you to be part of these important conversations.