

**THE PROJECT**

MTSU's College of Education and Behavioral Science (COEBS) plans to build new space that will consolidate the College and provide additional space that is needed for existing and projected programs. Currently the College's nine departments occupy more than 176,000 net assignable square feet (NASF) in more than a dozen buildings across the campus. DOBER LIDSKY MATHEY (DLM) was retained to develop a facility program that would quantify the College's space needs and explore alternative ways to meet them.

**CHALLENGE**

DLM worked closely with COEBS faculty and staff to identify facility needs programming approximately 283,000 NASF. At the outset, an existing building, currently housing the Instructional Technology Support Center, was tested as a facility that might accommodate most of COEBS. Even with additional space this option was not feasible. Because of budget limitations, building all new space was not viable either.

**SOLUTION**

The solution was to maximize the size of the new building based on available dollars, and rely on existing space for the balance of the College's facility needs. Through a participatory process, DLM helped the College determine which departments would go into the new building of 82,500 gross square feet, which departments would remain in current locations with the option for additional space in the future, and which departments would be moved to other existing renovated space. Although this strategy did not consolidate the entire College in one location, it consolidated departments and grouped them in a coherent way.

**RESULTS**

The new building is funded and implementation is one MTSU's highest priorities.



COEBS SITE LOCATION

\*Project completed under previous name: Dober, Lidsky, Craig and Associates, Inc.

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