

THE PROJECT

Marist University engaged Dober Lidsky Mathey to assess current use of space in the School of Science and prepare projected space needs for each School unit to inform expansion planning and design.

CHALLENGE

The School of Science encompasses natural, physical and health science departments and is housed in two buildings, the historic Donnelly Hall (1962) on the west side of Route 9 and the Science and Allied Health building (2016) located to the east of Route 9. The University has decided to raze Donnelly spurring the relocation of the Chemistry, Biochemistry and Physics and the Environmental Sciences & Policy departments. Simultaneously, growth in several health science departments requires additional space. Identifying the appropriate mix of replacement and expansion space was the core outcome of the study.

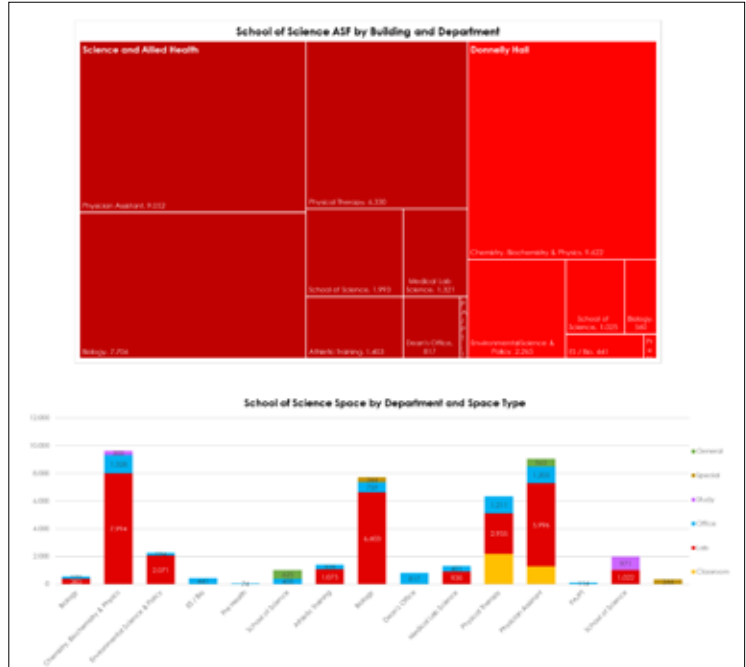
SOLUTION

DLM created a room-by-room inventory of School space and assessed the amount and types of space by department against normative guidelines and peer practices. Utilization of instructional space, classrooms and labs, used for School courses was examined with findings and recommendations informing space needs. DLM conducted Interviews with representatives of each School unit to gather input on issues with existing space performance and plans for future growth, as well as curricular and research innovation.

Based on these inputs, a room-by-room facility program for each department and for space shared across the School was prepared for review, revision and finalization. This program informs the next step of the process, concept planning and schematic design.

RESULTS

The program recommended a new facility of ~57K assignable square feet be added to Marist's portfolio to accommodate the relocated departments and the School's growth for the coming 10 to 20 years. A design process to create the space described by the program and support fundraising is currently underway.



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