

Question and Answer Overview

Question: Why does the College need a new building?

Answer: Colby Community College has a unique opportunity to expand the College's enrollment in agricultural-related courses. Currently, the Stanley Carr Agricultural Center does not have the capacity or space to accommodate our agricultural-related classes. There is also no opportunity for growth in these areas.

Colby Community College has made it a strategic priority to expand our agricultural-related offerings. This is done because agriculture is the primary form of business and industry in Northwest Kansas and the college wants to align its Mission to serve the area. Additionally, Colby Community College has 16 full-time employees tied to its agricultural-related programs and we do not have space to accommodate all of their office needs. A lot of the College's agricultural-related courses cannot be taught in the Stanley Carr Agricultural Center, due to its limited size.

Question: Where will the new building be located?

Answer: The new building will be located adjacent to the Stanley Carr Agricultural Center (west of the building).

Question: How big is the new facility?

Answer: A little over 12,400 square feet.

Question: How will the building be constructed?

Answer: The new facility will be a Butler Building with a brick veneer to match the College's other buildings. It will have a first floor and a basement.

Question: Why did the College not create a two-story building?

Answer: There are three primary reasons, the facility would cost substantially more, the basement level can potentially double as a tornado shelter, and aesthetically it would not match our other buildings.

Question: How many classrooms will the new facility have and how many students will they hold?

Answer: Six classrooms and they can set the following number of students, respectively: 53, 31, 31, 39, 41, and 38.

Question: Are these classrooms larger or smaller than your typical classroom on campus?

Answer: These classrooms are much larger than our average classroom and help set the institution up for future growth.

Question: What else will be in the building?

Answer: A 28-person board room, male and female bathrooms on the first floor and basement, mechanical closets, and storage areas.

Question: What is the approximate cost of this facility?

Answer: The approximate cost of this facility is \$3,508,000 completed (this includes technology, furniture, and signage).

Question: Will the College do a bond issuance or take on some form of debt for this project?

Answer: No, the College has already secured approximately \$2,400,000 for this project and if we are unable to raise the additional funds, the College would utilize institutional reserve. No debt or bond obligation will be incurred on this project.