



Memorandum

To: The University Space Priorities Working Group

From: Gallatin Student Council

Re: Space Concerns in the Gallatin School of Individualized Study

We, the Gallatin Student Council have identified the different aspects of Gallatin's need for space. Below we have outlined the greatest needs for space that we see in our building. We believe that we are in a unique situation regarding space in that the building that is unofficially deemed the "Gallatin Building" is occupied by other departments such as Tisch, Computer Sciences, and another undisclosed department. While our building is twelve floors and Gallatin was originally promised five, Gallatin students, faculty, and administration are now compressed into only four floors (33% of the building), causing us to rent office space in other buildings, space which we have now exhausted. We believe that our space needs can be met very easily by moving other departments out of the building so that Gallatin can reclaim at least a few more floors in our own building.

Student Life Space

Gallatin students have one small lounge with seating for approximately 20-25 students. Not only does this not allow students a place to relax and hang out, but it also impedes the vitality and success of student life organizations, student council, and student clubs because these various organizations must compete for one small room or be forced to hold programs in a hallway (the hallway has been generously deemed the 'Gallery Space'). The lack of student space makes creating a sense of community at Gallatin increasingly difficult.

Faculty Offices

Gallatin plainly does not have enough offices to hold its current faculty. Faculty have been moved to rented space to relieve some of the pressure at 1 Washington Place, yet there is still not enough space. This lack of faculty offices has begun to affect student advising, a program which we highly value at Gallatin, because faculty are now forced to share offices, thus students are often not able to have private meetings with faculty.

Study Space

There are no quiet study spaces for Gallatin students.

Classroom Space

Gallatin classes are very unique and almost all of them require a harkness table-like set up to encourage free and open dialogue. For this reason, it is most beneficial for Gallatin classes to be held in Gallatin classrooms that have been specifically designed to meet the needs of a

typical Gallatin class. Unfortunately, there are less than 5 classrooms in the 1 Washington Place Building, and many Gallatin classes have been placed in less conducive rooms in other buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

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