



## EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

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### **Update on Major Projects August 27, 2018**

**Shafer Hall Renovations** – This project will renovate the 1946 building known as Shafer Hall. Shafer Hall is one of Eastern’s earliest buildings. The building will be completely renovated for residential use. We are introducing a new loft-style apartment for this building along with some two- and four-person suites. The building will house approximately 90 students. Shafer Auditorium will be renovated and retained for use as an assembly space. The Harry Hope Theatre will be renovated for recreation space that will be designed for use by students campus-wide. The building will also include lounges, computer study rooms, meeting rooms and a café to be located directly across from Shafer Auditorium. The building will receive new electrical, HVAC, plumbing, sprinklers, and heating systems as well as new windows and repairs to the building skin. The building will meet the State of Connecticut High Performance Building Regulations, which strive to match the USGBC LEED Silver Certification Standards. After the building was vacated in January of 2016, a full abatement of asbestos was performed. Bids were opened the week of April 5. Contracts for the 23 separate construction packages have been finalized and a contract has been signed for construction. Construction began August 17, 2018, and the project is scheduled for completion July 2019.

**Goddard Hall/Communication Building Renovations** – This project will renovate both Goddard Hall and the Communication Building, providing for newly-renovated classrooms, labs and offices. The project will also include new electrical, HVAC, plumbing, sprinklers and heating upgrades. Windows will be replaced, and building skin improvements will be addressed. Once renovated, these buildings will meet the State of Connecticut High Performance Building Regulations. The Communication Building came off line in May of 2017 and was just completed in late July. This building now houses new classrooms, labs, a state-of-the-art radio station and TV studio as well as new computer labs and offices for the Communication Department, Media Services and Banner Services. The interior of Goddard Hall has been stripped of all utilities, asbestos, non-bearing walls, windows, etc. Excavations are presently underway for a new elevator that will allow access to all levels of both Goddard and the Communication Building. Goddard will house labs for KPE and Psychology, general-purpose classrooms and meeting rooms. This is the second phase of construction, and it is due to be complete in July of 2019.

**Webb Hall Elevator Upgrades** – We awarded the construction contract in May and have been working on processing the shop drawings for the two elevators. The first elevator to be upgraded is the faculty wing elevator, and it is scheduled to come off line in November of this year. The second elevator will come off line in January, but only after the Office of the State Building Inspector and the Bureau of Elevators has approved the first elevator for use. This project should be complete prior to the end of the spring semester.

**Masonry Repairs – J. Eugene Smith Library & Wood Support Services Center** – This project is under construction and will be wrapping up by the end of September. The work on Wood Support Services Center has been completed and cleanup is underway.

**Low Rise Courtyard Improvements & Stair Replacement** – Phase one of the Low Rise Courtyard Improvements and Stair Replacement project was completed this past summer. The center courtyard now has a central plaza with seating, new lighting and new plantings. We have sealed the interior courtyard for this year and will be replacing it next summer along with the eight stairs that serve the Low Rise Housing Complex. Phase II of the courtyard improvements will have included the replacement of the two open stairs in the courtyard of the 300 building and the 400 building. The final phase of this project will commence next summer, and we will replace the remaining six stairs.

**Noble Hall Roof Replacement & Masonry Restoration** – Design is underway for the replacement of the roof on Noble Hall as well as masonry restoration. Noble Hall serves as a residence hall and is one of our oldest buildings. Funding for this project is not available until December 2018. Construction will take place next summer.

**Burnap & Crandall Roof Replacement & Masonry Restoration** – This project was initiated in spring 2017. This project will replace the existing roof membranes and repair/repoint the masonry on both buildings that serve as residence halls. The final phase of design is underway and expected to be complete by late fall. Construction funding for this project is available in the summer of 2019.

**Roadway and Walkway Improvements** – We continue to repair and replace walkways throughout campus in an effort to maintain an accessible campus for students, faculty and staff. This summer we repaved a portion of Eastern Road and the West Road behind Webb Hall and the Science Building. We also removed and replaced the walkways behind Webb Hall.

**Athletic Complex Infield Turf Replacement** – This project was completed early in August, providing a much-needed replacement of the turf surface at the Mansfield Sports Complex.

**Emergency HTHW Repairs** - We will be moving forward with replacement of a portion of the High Temperature Hot Water system that serves the southern portion of campus. This work will begin in early September and is expected to last approximately six weeks. During this time, a portion of Eastern Road between the Heat Plant and Webb Hall will need to be closed. Walkways in this area will also be closed. We will be sending out updates on how to get from the Academic Quad to the North Campus. This will require a temporary walkway through the Sports Center parking lot for pedestrians. With the increased number of students with accessibility needs this semester, it is important that we find the best route for them to traverse the campus.