



**Wharton County  
Junior College**

**Proposed Agenda Item  
Board of Trustees Meeting**

Date of Board Meeting: 3-28-17

Date of This Proposal: 2-17-17

**SUBJECT (item as it will appear on agenda):** Library Study Rooms

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Renovation of Library Space on Wharton Campus to Create 4 Private Study Rooms

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

The library on the main campus does not provide appropriate and sufficient learning spaces for students to engage in group study activities. Per best practices defined by the Consortium of Academic Libraries and Learning Resources (CALLR) in the Texas Gulf Coast area, study rooms accommodate students' different learning styles by providing dedicated space for peer group study sessions and for individuals who need solitude to learn course material. As noted in the College's library student surveys in 2014 and 2016, students request space to hold study group activities. The current practice of students reserving the library symposium classroom as a study space is no longer sufficient to meet student demand.

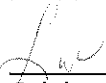
The renovation of the reference book area within the open computer lab in the Wharton library will provide adequate space to create four study rooms. Reference books will be weeded out and others relocated to a different space in the library. Existing tables and chairs can be re-allocated to the new study rooms. The estimated cost of the project approximates \$65,000. The addition of the study rooms complies with the current Strategic Plan Refresh and funds are allocated in the Strategic Planning budget.

**Estimated Cost and Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?):** \$65,000

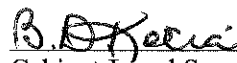
**RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:**

Leigh Ann Collins, Vice President of Instruction  
Bryce Kocian, Vice President of Administrative Services

**SIGNATURES:**

  
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**PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL:**

  
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