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# **Building On – and For – Collaboration**

Phase One Renovation of Odegaard Undergraduate Library

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# **BACKGROUND**





# **Undergraduate Libraries**

- FROM CONCEPTION, A PLACE FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING
- (RELATIVELY) SMALL COLLECTIONS
- WORK SPACES WITH PROXIMITY TO ASSISTANCE
- OVER TIME, SHIFTS FROM STUDY HALL TO GROUP WORK TO COMMONS
- NOW A LIVING LABORATORY THAT SERVES AS A MULTIDISCIPLINARY MODEL



# University of Washington and Undergraduates

- CONSISTENTLY ONE OF THE TOP 5 RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS IN THE US (RESEARCH \$)
- STATE FLAGSHIP INSTITUTION

#### SEATTLE CAMPUS

- 140 ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS IN VARIOUS SCHOOLS
- 32,000 UNDERGRADUATES (FALL 2016), FROM ACROSS WASHINGTON AND OTHER STATES, AND ALSO A SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL POPULATION

# **UW Libraries and Odegaard Undergraduate Library**

- MORE THAN 5 MILLION ANNUAL VISITS TO 15 BUILDINGS
- MORE THAN 9 MILLION VOLUMES
- RICH HISTORY OF LEADERSHIP AND ASSESSMENT

- ODEGAARD OPENED IN 1972 AS CENTER FOR LIBRARIES' TEACHING AND LEARNING
- SECOND-LARGEST AND SECOND-BUSIEST LIBRARY IN SYSTEM (1.6 MILLION ANNUAL VISITS)
- HOUSES STAFF FROM LIBRARIES AND RESIDENTIAL PARTNERS



# **MOTIVATION**





### Pressures and Needs for Renovation

STEADY INCREASES OF UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION

- CHANGING PEDAGOGICAL MODELS
- AGING BUILDING NOT KEEPING UP WITH MODERN USES



### Opportunities via Renovation

 PROVOST COMMISSIONED A CROSS-GROUP TO PRODUCE A NEW VISION FOR ODEGAARD BUILDING

REPORT COMPLETED IN 2010

RECOMMENDS A CENTER FOR LIBRARY TEACHING AND LEARNING THAT MODELS THE 21st CENTURY WORLD UNDERGRADUATES INHABIT

CREATE NEW SPACES FOR FORMAL AND INFORMAL LEARNING AND INTERDISCIPLINARY SHARING



# RENOVATION





#### Phase One of Renovation

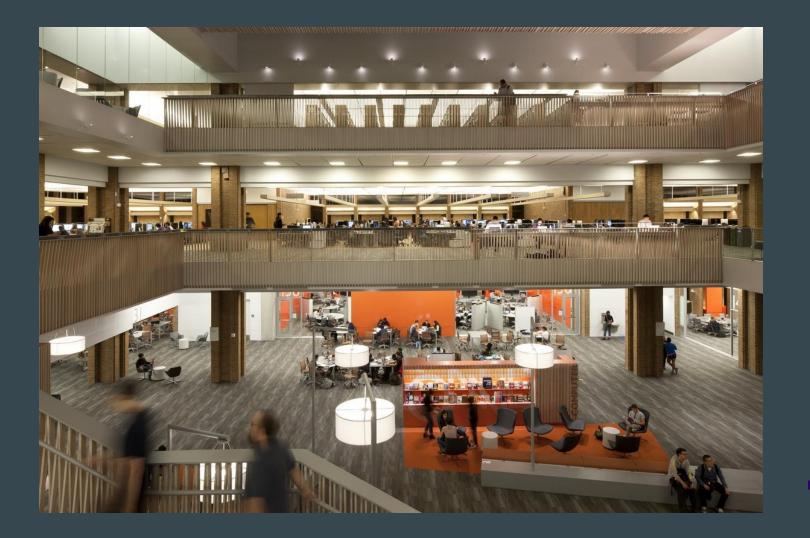
- \$16.5 MILLION US, MAJORITY STATE FUNDING
- COMPLETED IN 2012-13, TIGHT TIMELINE, BUILDING REMAINED OPEN
- GRAND RE-OPENING FALL 2013

#### HONORS

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS 2014 HONOR AWARD

LIBRARY JOURNAL "NEW LANDMARK LIBRARIES" 2016







### Collaborative Learning Spaces

 BLENDING OF FORMAL AND INFORMAL LEARNING SPACES IS HALLMARK OF RENOVATION

• TWO VERY DIFFERENT PARTNERSHIPS YIELDED TWO VERY DIFFERENT FORMAL LEARNING SPACE CONCEPTS

WRITING AND RESEARCH CENTER = space created organically, through collaboration over time

ACTIVE LEARNING CLASSROOMS (ALCs) = created, planned, purposeful from beginning, heavily researched in advance and post-occupancy



# ODEGAARD WRITING AND RESEARCH CENTER





# The Odegaard Writing and Research Center (OWRC)

• LARGEST WRITING CENTER ON CAMPUS, MORE THAN 16,000 APPOINTMENTS (2015-16)

JOINT VENTURE OF LIBRARIES AND COLLEGE OF ARTS AND

**SCIENCES** 





# **Creating a Space for Learning: the OWRC**

- RENOVATION ALLOWED CREATION OF SPACE TOGETHER, ONE THAT SHOWS RESEARCH AND WRITING ARE ITERATIVE, COEXISTING PROCESSES
- ALL SERVICES OCCUR IN SAME SPACE, AND SOME LIBRARIANS ARE DUALLY TRAINED FOR RESEARCH AND WRITING ASSISTANCE
- ACRL FRAMEWORK CONCEPT OF "RESEARCH AS INQUIRY" APPLIES TO ALL SERVICES -- **INQUIRY** IS USED AS COMMON LANGUAGE















#### Lessons Learned: OWRC

 RESPECT AND LEARN FROM CULTURES OF COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

CREATING A SPACE TO MATCH A COMMON VISION IS REWARDING

BUT CHALLENGES STILL REMAIN -- RELATIONSHIPS TAKE WORK!

- ASSESSMENT PLANS ARE CRITICAL FOR ALL SPACES
- ALLOW FLEXIBILITY FOR ORGANIC CHANGES TO OCCUR



# **ACTIVE LEARNING CLASSROOMS**





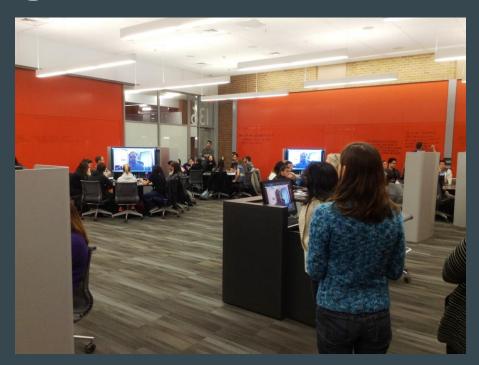
# The Active Learning Classrooms (ALCs)

- PURPOSEFULLY RESEARCHED AND DESIGNED -- NEW SPACES FOR UW TO RESPOND TO CHANGES IN PEDAGOGY
- GENERAL-ASSIGNMENT CLASSROOMS
- SEVERAL HUNDRED CLASSES HAVE BEEN HELD SINCE FALL 2013, ACROSS SCIENCES, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

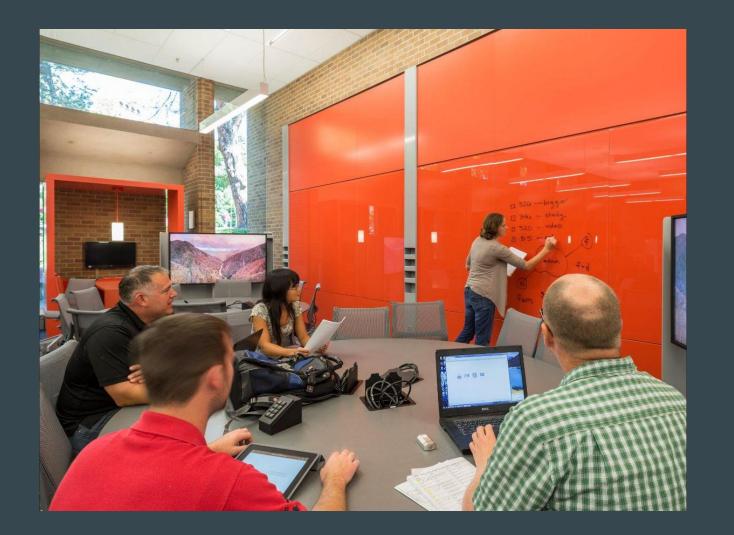


# **Creating a Space for Learning: The ALCs**

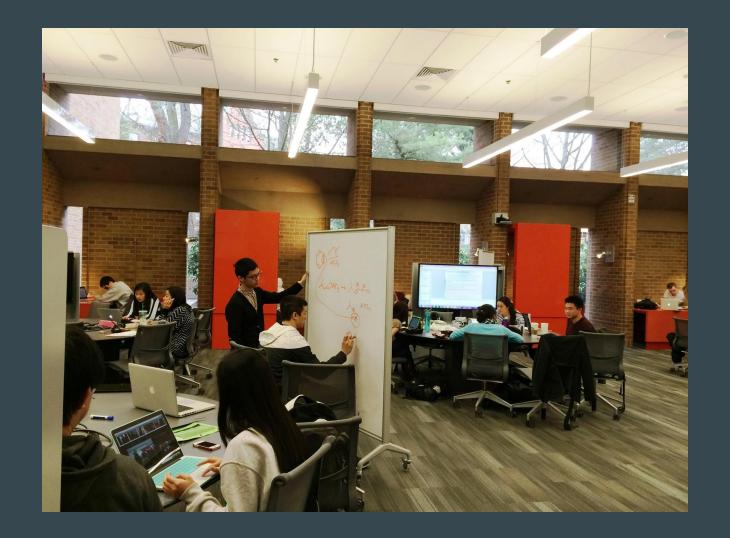
- COLLABORATION AMONG LIBRARIES, UW IT, AND CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING
- FORMAL LEARNING SPACE OPTIMIZED FOR ACTIVE LEARNING DURING DAY
- WALLS OPEN AT NIGHT FOR
   24-HOUR STUDENT USE













#### **Lessons Learned: The ALCs**

- PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS DIVISIONS HAS LED TO BETTER USER EXPERIENCE
- ASSESSMENT PLANS CAN YIELD GREAT RESULTS

ACTUAL DATA, OBSERVATIONS, ETC

POSITIONING OF LIBRARIES AS LEADERS IN PRACTICE

 BE WILLING TO STRETCH YOUR IDEAS OF WHAT LIBRARIES "SHOULD" BE DOING



### The Future: Phase Two

• UW LIBRARIES IS COMPLETING A MASTER PLAN FOR SEATTLE

• PLANNING FOR PHASE TWO OF RENOVATION IS IN THE WORKS





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