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The Synergistic Squad Presents

Synergistic Spaces at Baylor

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Student Life

- **Division of Student Life Mission**
  Student Life seeks to enrich the Baylor experience through life-changing programs and services resulting in an integrated education known for leadership, service, Christian faith, and the total development of students.

- **Division of Student Life Vision**
  Student Life will be a transformative presence in all our students’ lives equipping them to make a positive impact on society.
Our Values

Division of Student Life Values

Values are the foundational principles and qualities upon which our division lives out its mission and vision. Central to these values is our commitment to our Christian faith and the belief that our work is enriched by the fulfillment of God’s call in our lives. It is within this context that we value:

- **Students**—displayed by our attention to individual student needs as well as our love and commitment to the broader student body
- **Inclusive Community**—evidenced by diversity, uniqueness, understanding, and unity as a staff
- **Transformative Learning**—discovered through an integration of mind, body, and spirit
- **Leadership Development**—cultivated through education, experience, reflection, and a call to impact human flourishing
- **Professional Excellence**—guided by best practices, current research, assessment, and wise stewardship
Goals

Division of Student Life Goals

Guided by this mission, the University’s strategic vision, the wisdom of our professional discipline, and most of all, our common Christian faith, Student Life cultivates an environment that nurtures **calling, wholeness, community, and citizenship**.

Student Life:

- Supports students as they discern God’s paths, plans, and purposes. **We help students discover calling.**
- Fosters healthy living, joyful experience, passionate scholarship, and depth of faith. **We develop the whole student.**
- Encourages meaningful relationships, Christian hospitality, and charity in all things. **We build community.**
- Inspires and equips students to transform the world. **We cultivate global citizenship.**
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To create vibrant learning and faith formative environments we will develop spaces across campus and in the community that create synergy and renewal. Much work has been done, yet much is still needed, to create dynamic settings for students to engage in experiential learning, contemplation, recreation, and social interaction. Partnering with others will be essential in order to construct new and to repurpose existing spaces.
Committee Charge

The Synergistic Squad was to go where no committee had gone before, evaluating current spaces and future frontiers and then to boldly make recommendations.
Experiencing what the Committee Experienced

Complete the following sentence.

Synergy is where ______________________
____________________________________
Continuing your parallel journey with the Synergistic Squad....

Describe one time or place or experience in your life that seemed “synergistic.”
Now bring it to campus as we did. Be one with us...

*When you think of Baylor’s campus, where have you seen Synergy?*
Anything can have synergy... So we had to define it for our purposes.

Synergistic Spaces are spaces where several elements of the collegiate experience combine in dynamic ways. The interacting elements, which may be historical, social, technological, cultural, recreational, spiritual, or educational, come together synergistically so that the impact of each element is strengthened and the overall experience is amplified. In addition, spaces that have a productive and meaningful synergy will be characterized by:

People – students want to be there and are there.
Purpose – there is intentionality about the space.
Physicality – the space works geographically and architecturally.
By this definition
Which of these is synergistic space?

The Great Hall or The Brooks Common Areas
Moody Library Foyer or Moody Basement Study Tables
The Bobo or The Bobo Chapel
Traditions Plaza or The Immortal Ten Monument
The Weight Room or The SLC
The Business School Atrium or Waco Hall
Paul L. Foster or Intramural Fields
East Village Coffee Shop or East Village
Recommendation One

**Learn from our past** – We recommend that previously constructed spaces, especially those that were intended to be “synergistic”, be evaluated for their effectiveness with regards to synergy.
Recommendation Two

Create Communities within the Community - We recommend that the current residence hall refurbishing plan be continued and that the synergistic intentionality displayed in the South Russell floor plan continue to be emphasized in each hall’s refurbishing.
Recommendation Three

Nurture a Residential Campus – We recommend the University continue to emphasize and provide increased space for students to live on campus. We recommend consideration and investigation be made to accommodate our growing living- learning programs and to add beds to the campus inventory in place of those lost during the refurbishment process.
Recommendation Four

Create Campus-wide Spaces - We recommend the following new spaces be constructed:

(1) a new union that will facilitate vibrant student life programming, student organization experiences, co-curricular learning, social engagement, and entertainment, becoming a synergistic hub for the campus.

(2) an intramural facility that is connected more strategically to the campus.

(3) an expansion of the SLC to accommodate the size of Baylor’s community.
Recommendation Five

Move into the Final Frontier - We recommend that study be done, training be provided, and resources be committed that will enable the Division to nurture continued expertise with social media and its ever-developing applications for engaging our students in community, learning, service, reflection, and fun.
What Else????

Talk in your groups about what may have been missed by the all knowing, all seeing Synergistic Squad.