

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

THE COUNCIL OF
COMMONWEALTH
STUDENT GOVERNMENTS

FEBRUARY 4TH-5TH COUNCIL BOOKLET



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GENERAL AGENDA

Friday, February 4th, 2022		
Time	Session	Member
4:00-5:30 PM	Commonwealth Fee Board	Miller
6:45-7:45 PM	Presidents Session *	Viramgama
	General Council	
8:00 PM	Call to Order / Roll Call	Motupalli
	Approval of the Minutes / Agenda	Motupalli
	CCSG President's Welcome	Viramgama
	CFB Report	Miller
	Faculty Senate Report	Schneider
	Sister Governments Report	Schiro
	Old Business	Motupalli
	New Business	Motupalli
9:00 PM	Adjournment	Motupalli
	Meetings	
9:10-10:10 PM	Committee Meetings	Director

GENERAL AGENDA

Saturday, February 5th, 2022		
Time	Session	Member
7:45-8:45 AM	Presidents Session *	Viramgama
General Council		
9:00 AM	Reconvene / Roll Call	Motupalli
	Approval of the Agenda	Motupalli
	Introduction of the Speaker	Viramgama
	The Vice-Presidential Oration	Kelly Austin
	Questions	Motupalli
10:00 AM	Adjournment	Motupalli
Meetings		
10:10-11:10 AM	Committee Meetings	Director
Lunch		
11:15-12:15 PM	Lunch	
	Constitutional Review Committee **	Schneider
Meetings		
12:25-1:20 PM	Sustainability Summit	Hill
1:30-2:30 PM	Committee Meetings	Director
2:45-3:30 PM	Presidents Session *	Viramgama

Saturday, February 5th, 2022
(continued)

Time	Session	Member
General Council		
3:45 PM	Reconvene / Roll Call	Motupalli
	Approval of the Agenda	Motupalli
	Old Business	Motupalli
	New Business	Motupalli
	Open Forum	Motupalli
4:45 PM	Adjournment	Motupalli

WHEN AND WHERE

Session	Place	Time
Friday, February 4th, 2022		
Commonwealth Fee Board (CFB)	HUB 102	4:00-5:30PM
Presidents Session *	Heritage Hall	6:45-7:45 PM
General Council	Heritage Hall	8:00-9:00 PM
Academic Affairs Committee	Osmond Lab 103	9:10-10:10 PM
Student Affairs Committee	Osmond Lab 104	9:10-10:10 PM
Sustainability Committee	Osmond Lab 105	9:10-10:10 PM
Educational Equity Committee	Osmond Lab 106	9:10-10:10 PM
Governmental Affairs Committee	Osmond Lab 109	9:10-10:10 PM

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Presidents Session *	Heritage Hall	7:45-8:45 AM
General Council	Heritage Hall	9:00-10:00 AM
Academic Affairs Committee	Osmond Lab 103	10:10-11:10 AM
Student Affairs Committee	Osmond Lab 104	10:10-11:10 AM
Sustainability Committee	Osmond Lab 105	10:10-11:10 AM
Educational Equity Committee	Osmond Lab 106	10:10-11:10 AM
Governmental Affairs Committee	Osmond Lab 109	10:10-11:10 AM
Lunch	HUB 134	11:15-12:15 PM
CRC	HUB 107	11:15-12:15 PM
Sustainability Summit	233AB	12:25-1:20 PM
Academic Affairs Committee	Osmond Lab 103	1:30-2:30 PM
Student Affairs Committee	Osmond Lab 104	1:30-2:30 PM
Sustainability Committee	Osmond Lab 105	1:30-2:30 PM
Educational Equity Committee	Osmond Lab 106	1:30-2:30 PM
Governmental Affairs Committee	Osmond Lab 109	1:30-2:30 PM
Presidents Session *	233AB	2:45-3:30 PM
General Council	233AB	3:45-4:45 PM

* Presidents Session is for SGA Presidents and Vice Presidents only.

ZOOM INFORMATION

Session	Meeting Invitation
CFB	Meeting ID: 95557803761 Password: 544808
Presidents Session *	Meeting ID: 97286174552 Password: 990208
General Council	Meeting ID: 99800368728 Password: 941839
Student Affairs	Meeting ID: 94070127983 Password: 725630
Academic Affairs	Meeting ID: 99605966833 Password: 060783
Sustainability	Meeting ID: 97620009347 Password: 931932
Educational Equity	Meeting ID: 98541261190 Password: 180092
Governmental Affairs	Meeting ID: 9249038887 Password: 305399
Sustainability Summit	Meeting ID: 93497659595 Password: 127402
CRC **	Meeting ID: 99406776033 Password: 814184

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Each Meeting ID recurs during both Friday & Saturday session times
(see General Agenda for times to log on)



STUDENT AFFAIRS

Director: Anna Capria

Associate Director: Sanjana Singh

Friday, February 4th, 2022

Time	Item	Member
9:10 PM	Call to Order / Roll Call	Capria/Singh
9:15 PM	Introductions & Committee Overview	Capria/Singh
9:20 PM	Paw Print Initiative / Open Discussion	Capria/Singh
10:10 PM	Adjournment	Capria/Singh

Saturday, February 5th, 2022

Time	Item	Member
10:10 AM	Call to Order / Roll Call	Capria/Singh
10:15AM	Introduction to Speakers	Capria/Singh
10:20 AM	Speaker Presentation	Tracy Garnick
10:50 AM	Questions for Speaker	Capria/Singh
11:10 AM	Adjournment	Capria/Singh

Saturday, February 5th, 2022

Time	Item	Member
1:30 PM	Call to Order / Roll Call	Capria/Singh
1:40 PM	Introductions	Capria/Singh
1:50 PM	Comments about Morning Session	Capria/Singh
2:05 PM	Paw Print Initiative	Capria/Singh
2:15 PM	Goals and Tasks for Next Council	Capria/Singh
2:30 PM	Adjournment	Capria/Singh



GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Director: Kareem Elsergany

Friday, February 4th, 2022

Time	Item	Member
9:10 PM	Call to Order / Roll Call	Elsergany
9:15 PM	Old Business	Elsergany
9:20 PM	Resolution Presentation	Elsergany
9:30 PM	Advocacy planning	Elsergany
9:40 PM	Activity: Civil Discourse	Elsergany
10:00 PM	Activity: Reflection	Elsergany
10:10 PM	Adjournment	Elsergany

Saturday, February 5th, 2022

Time	Item	Member
10:10 AM	Call to Order / Roll Call	Elsergany
10:15 AM	Introduction to Speaker	Elsergany
10:20 AM	Speaker Presentation	Samuel Steiner
11:10 AM	Adjournment	Elsergany

Saturday, February 5th, 2022

Time	Item	Member
1:30 PM	Call to Order / Roll Call	Elsergany
1:35 PM	PSU Appropriations: Review	Elsergany
1:50 PM	Capital Day: Current information	Elsergany
2:00 PM	Capital Day: Plans	Elsergany
2:10 PM	Participation Contest	Elsergany
2:20PM	Open Forum	Elsergany
2:30 PM	Adjournment	Elsergany



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Director: Vinay Singh

Associate Director: Sunjana Mishra

Friday, February 4th, 2022

Time	Item	Member
9:10 PM	Call to Order / Roll Call	Singh/Mishra
9:15 PM	Introductions/Updates	Singh/Mishra
9:30 PM	Legislation	Singh/Mishra
10:10 PM	Adjournment	Singh/Mishra

Saturday, February 5th, 2022

Time	Item	Member
10:10 AM	Call to Order / Roll Call	Singh/Mishra
10:15 AM	Link UP Presentation	Motycki
10:50 AM	Questions	Motycki
11:10 AM	Adjournment	Singh/Mishra

Saturday, February 5th, 2022

Time	Item	Member
1:30 PM	Call to Order / Roll Call	Singh/Mishra
1:35 PM	Speaker Discussion	Singh/Mishra
2:10 PM	Open Discussion	Singh/Mishra
2:30 PM	Adjournment	Singh/Mishra



SUSTAINABILITY

Co-Director: Lauren Waer

Co-Director: Charles-Antoine Sokohl

Friday, February 4th, 2022

Time	Item	Member
9:10 PM	Call to Order / Roll Call	Sokohl/Waer
9:15 PM	Director Reports	Sokohl/Waer
9:25 PM	Liaison Updates	Sokohl/Waer
9:40 PM	Sustainability News	Sokohl/Waer
9:50 PM	Open Forum	Sokohl/Waer
10:10 PM	Adjournment	Sokohl/Waer

Saturday, February 5th, 2022

Time	Item	Member
10:10 AM	Call to Order / Roll Call	Sokohl/Waer
10:20 AM	Speaker Presentation	Leslie Pillen
10:50 AM	Discussion & Questions for Leslie	Sokohl/Waer
11:10 AM	Adjournment	Sokohl/Waer

Saturday, February 5th, 2022

Time	Item	Member
1:30 PM	Call to Order / Roll Call	Sokohl/Waer
1:35 PM	Climate Interactive Activity	Sokohl/Waer
1:50 PM	Continued Discussion & Legislation	Sokohl/Waer
2:15 PM	Climate Action at the Commonwealth Strategy	Sokohl/Waer
2:30 PM	Adjournment	Sokohl/Waer



EDUCATIONAL EQUITY

Director: Trinity Nguyen

Associate Director: Nida Shamji

Friday, February 4th, 2022

Time	Item	Member
9:10 PM	Call to Order / Roll Call	Nguyen
9:20 PM	Introductions	Nguyen/Shamji
9:25 PM	Plans/Goals/Updates	Nguyen
9:35 PM	Legislation Process & Robert's Rules	Nguyen
9:45 PM	Introduction of Legislations and Brainstorm	Nguyen/Shamji
10:05 - 10:10 PM	Wrap up / Adjournment	Nguyen/Shamji

Saturday, February 5th, 2022

Time	Item	Member
10:10 AM	Call to Order / Roll Call	Nguyen
10:20 AM	Introductions	Nguyen/Shamji
10:30 AM	Speaker Presentation	Brain Patchoski
10:55 AM	Questions for Mr. Patchoski	Nguyen
11:05 - 11:15 AM	Wrap up / Adjournment	Nguyen

Saturday, February 5th, 2022

Time	Item	Member
1:30 PM	Call to Order / Roll Call	Nguyen
1:35 PM	Introductions	Nguyen/Shamji
1:40 PM	Feedback	Nguyen
2:00 PM	Legislation Ideas	Nguyen
2:20 PM	Update / Current Day Discussions	Nguyen
2:30 PM	Adjournment	Nguyen

FEATURED GENERAL COUNCIL SPEAKER



Dr. Kelly Austin

Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses

Dr. Kelly M. Austin began serving as the vice president for Commonwealth Campuses and executive chancellor of The Pennsylvania State University on January 17, 2022. In this role, Austin has oversight of Penn State's 20 Commonwealth Campuses, which enroll 30,000+ students in associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degree programs. The senior vice president and executive chancellor provides leadership for the University's multiple missions of teaching, research and service across Pennsylvania and is responsible for the academic and administrative programs and operations of the Commonwealth Campuses, including strategic and facilities planning. Austin also serves as the budget executive for the Commonwealth Campuses. Austin joined Penn State in 2012, serving as chancellor at Penn State Schuylkill until 2017. In 2017, Dr. Austin was named associate vice president for administration, Commonwealth Campuses of The Pennsylvania State University. Prior to joining Penn State, Dr. Austin was vice president of finance and administration at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown from 2008 to 2012. While at Pitt-Johnstown, he also served as vice president of student affairs and director of student union and student activities. Previously, Dr. Austin served in multiple roles working directly with students at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida. Austin earned his doctoral degree in social and comparative analysis in education from the University of Pittsburgh, MBA from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, master's degree in student personnel administration and bachelor of science degree in business administration/business management, from Slippery Rock University.



SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT THEME

Green with Envy

The theme for the February Council is "Green with Envy". Our Special Projects Director: Hill, brings you this year's sustainability summit to explore the challenges various communities face when attempting to make sustainable choices. Afterall, being sustainable is a luxury that not all communities can afford. People often envy those who have these dispensable resources to achieve greater. Throughout the course of the weekend, We encourage folks to actively ponder on the theme for this summit and come to the session with a list of things they think would make a group feel envious when thinking about sustainability. We look forward to your creative approach at this discussion, see you at the summit!

- Aimee Hill, CCSG's Special Projects Director

FEATURED SPEAKER



Mark Sentesy

Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies

Mark Sentesy is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies at The Pennsylvania State University. His research centers on the philosophy of nature, ontology, anthropology, and technology. He has published on the concept of time, physics, metaphysics, epistemology, political ontology, technology, and language, and his book Aristotle's Ontology of Change was published in 2020 by Northwestern University Press.

COUNCIL FEATURES

Saturday at 10:20 AM- Tracy Garnick Student Affairs



Tracy Garnick is the Director of Student Services and Engagement at Penn State's Hazleton campus. She is excited to bring her perspective in Student Services and Engagement to discuss Title IX policies at Penn State. With her help, we hope to open a dialogue bringing about positive change for sexual misconduct on our campuses

Tracy Garnick
Director of Student
Services and
Engagement, Penn
State Hazleton

Saturday at 10:20 AM- Education Equity



Brian Patchcoski
Assistant Vice President
Student Affairs Diversity,
Equity, and Inclusion

Brian Patchcoski earned his master's degree in higher education from Penn State and his bachelor's degree in counseling and human services from the University of Scranton. Currently, he serves as Assistant Vice President for diversity, equity, and inclusion in Student Affairs. He provides strategic leadership for six Student Affairs units. While at Penn State he has worked to broaden the understanding of diversity and commitment to inclusive excellence not as separate entities, but rather as part of the larger tapestry of student life and experience. Brian served as the assistant director of the Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity from 2008-2012. Prior to returning to Penn State as the center's director, he served as an associate dean of students at Cornell University focused on student support, sexual violence, and advocacy while also directing Cornell's LGBT Resource Center and co-directing the Center for Intercultural Dialogue. Before joining Cornell, Brian was the founding director of the Office of LGBTQ Services and deputy Title IX officer at Dickinson College. He lives in State College with his husband Greg, their twins Declyn and Keegyn, and their two dogs.

COUNCIL FEATURES

Saturday at 10:20 AM- Leslie Pillen Sustainability



Leslie Pillen
Associate Director of
Farm and Food Systems
(Sustainability Institute)

Leslie Pillen directs the Sustainable Food Systems Program, which provides hands-on learning opportunities for students and the community through the Student Farm at Penn State, community partnerships, a new Food Systems minor, Student Farm Club, and The Lion's Pantry Club. In her role, she works with diverse stakeholders, including students, faculty, staff, community members, and alumni. The Student Farm at Penn State was established in 2016, and in 2020 is undergoing an expansion that will increase the farm footprint to 3.6 acres. Updates about the Student Farm can be found at studentfarm.psu.edu.

Leslie received her MS in Rural Sociology from Penn State in December 2013. Her thesis assessed opportunities and barriers for beginning farmer land access through land link programs in the Northeast US. Her BS is in Horticulture from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Prior to graduate school, Leslie managed a beginning farmer training program and incubator farm at a non-profit in Lincoln, Nebraska. There, she developed farm production and business curricula for beginning farmers, managed a multi-farmer CSA, oversaw farm site development and maintenance, and grew the program through community partnerships and financial development.

COUNCIL FEATURES

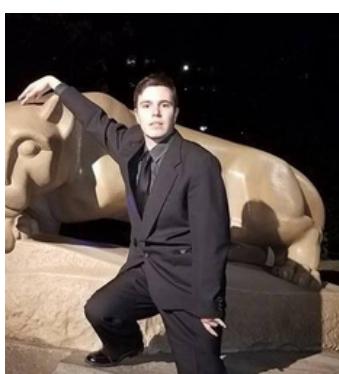
Saturday at 10:15 AM- Academic Affairs



Katie Motycki
Director of Student
Orientation and
Transition Programs
(SOTP)

Katie Motycki joined Penn State as the associate director of New Student Orientation in 2013, was promoted to senior associate director in 2018, and is currently serving as the director of Student Orientation and Transition Programs (SOTP). She provides leadership for the entirety of SOTP's portfolio including New Student Orientation, Transfer Student Orientation, Change of Campus orientation and initiatives, Welcome Programs, and President's New Student Convocation. She received her bachelor's degree from Penn State and her master's degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education from IUP. As a Penn State alum, she is proud to welcome new students to her Alma Mater. Prior to Penn State, she worked at La Roche University (Pittsburgh, Pa) and Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Indiana, Pa), Katie currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Association for Orientation, Transition, and Retention in Higher Education (NODA).

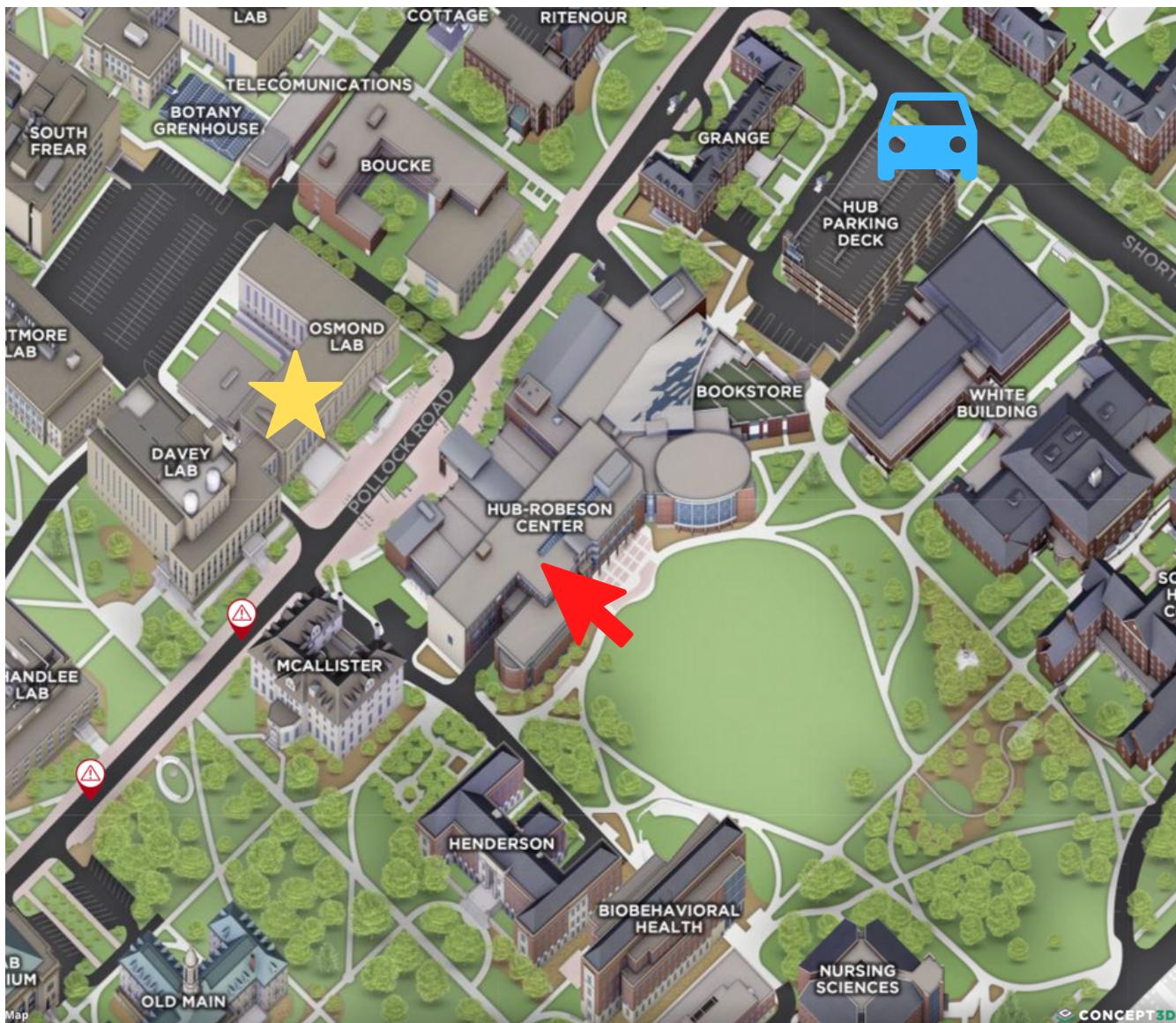
Saturday at 10:20 AM- Governmental Affairs



Samuel Steiner
Former Associate
Director for
Governmental Affairs
2018

Sam is an alumnus of Penn State hailing from the City of Brotherly Love, having majored in IST and graduated in 2018. Sam was a student at Penn State Abington for 3 years and World Campus for his last year. Sam in his time at Abington was heavily involved in student government, being a participant in many CCSG's and having been the associate govt affairs director for a couple of years on Central Staff. He has assisted in coordinating the efforts of a program known as Drive to Strive, with this booklet signed by all of the Commonwealth Campuses being presented at Capital Day, one of the largest one-day events that Advocate Penn State (formerly known as the Grassroots Network) has, in which students all across the Commonwealth gather to speak with their legislators in support of efforts within the Commonwealth. Sam's current activities include being just shy of completing his Master's in Information Sciences and being active in the shipping industry, with FedEx currently and the USPS for 3 years prior. Sam currently resides in Northeast Philly and will be moving into a capacity at FedEx that will bring him closer to home.

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY PARK CAMPUS MAP



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Map legend:



- General Council/CRC/President's Session/Lunch



- Committee Meetings



- Parking

PARKING INFORMATION

Parking Information for February 4th-5th Council Weekend

Available Parking in the HUB Lot | Parking Payment Required

VISITOR PARKING DECKS				
LOCATION	NEARBY POINTS OF INTEREST	PARKING CAPACITY	CLEARANCE	AMENITIES/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
East Deck	East Halls, Berkey Creamery, McCoy Natatorium, Business Building, Arboretum	1,204 spaces	8' 4" (level 1) 7' 6" (all other levels)	Prorated rates during first hour (\$0.25 every 15 minutes) East Deck Interactive Map
HUB Deck	HUB-Robeson Center, South/Pollock Halls, White Building, Old Main, Downtown State College	371 spaces	7'0" (all levels)	Pay stations located on levels 1 and 2 HUB Deck Interactive Map
Nittany Deck	Nittany Lion Inn, Rec Hall, Pattee/Paterno Libraries, Music and Theater Buildings, Pasquerilla Spiritual Center	1,329 spaces	6' 8" (levels 1 - 5), 6' 6" (roof access)	5 Level II electric vehicle (EV) charging plugs \$10 day-of event parking rate for non-Football Athletics Event, \$5.50 prepaid through ParkMobile Nittany Deck Interactive Map
West Deck	West Campus, White Course Apartments, Rec Hall, Downtown State College	1,652 spaces	8' 3" (level 1) 7' 9" (all other levels)	5 Level II electric vehicle (EV) charging plugs INDECT parking guidance system