

# Envisioning Our Future: Innovation Council Initiative Proposal

## **Innovation Council Name:**

On-campus Living Facilities Council

## **Council's charge:**

Reimagining the living experience of our current residence hall communities without major renovations or new building

## **Membership:**

Len Gordy, Office of Multicultural Affairs/Athletics  
Carol Isham, Department of Residence Life  
David Murdoch, Skutt/Harper Centers  
Rich Rossi, Department of Residence Life  
Margaret Zimmer, Student Leadership and Involvement Center

## **Innovation Initiative Title:**

Students Transforming Their Space

## **Identified Innovation Opportunity:**

Allowing student to create space that can be used for activities other than studying

## **Brief Description of Innovation Initiative:**

Students can submit proposals to Residence Life to create spaces around recreation/shared interests or out-of-the classroom learning opportunities. These spaces will not be used for dedicated study space, but rather spaces for unwinding.

## **Objectives and/or Learning Outcomes:**

- Students are able to develop more relationships and connections with students who live in their hall not just their floor
- Students gain ownership of and deeper connection to their on campus living space
- Students gain confidence in creating a project proposal and implementation plan

## **Who/what is better served by this Innovation Initiative:**

Students today are less likely to have face-to-face interaction and this initiative will help encourage them to get out of their rooms, meet new people, and build relationships. It will also allow students to take ownership of making their space comfortable and increase hall pride.

## **Who are key partners/collaborators?**

- Facilities staff
- Faculty/Staff engaged with the student areas of interest
- Division of Student Life Creative Suite