



CSUS DINING COMMONS

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO

Old dining hall get fresh, sustainable new upgrades, all while staying within the projected budget.

■ NATURAL LIGHT THE WAY

Mogavero Architects developed a master plan and construction documents for the renovation of the CSU Sacramento Dining Commons. Originally built forty years ago, the building was in dire need of a refresh. The first phase included the renovation of the large dining room and also provided accessibility upgrades. The second phase included the renovation of the food service areas, an update to the building circulation, mechanical updates, rebranding and signage.

The entire ceiling and lighting systems were replaced with new suspended acoustical clouds that float between the existing wood beams. Daylight harvesting strategies were used with dimmable light fixtures in conjunction with lighting control systems.

Large skylights were added to raise the perceived ceiling heights and brighten up the food service area. Furnishings were replaced providing both regular and high seating dining areas as well as new fixed booth and banquette dining seating. Also, a soft seating area was developed at the center of the dining room to provide for a more casual setting making good use of the natural light provided by an existing monitor skylight.

The existing concrete block walls just above fixed seating areas were covered with acoustical panels that feature custom silkscreen images that portray life on campus. The flooring was stripped and refinished with a new concrete topping that was ground, stained and polished using a pattern that reflects the existing exposed beams above.

Careful attention to construction systems, techniques and scheduling, was required during each phase to be constructed during the short summer breaks while the kitchen continued to provide meals for summer conferencing.

SPECIALIZED APPROACHES

Ecologically sensitive techniques were combined with products that kept green principals in mind, including:

- High efficiency plumbing fixtures
- Daylight sensors on lighting equipment
- Installation of new ceiling fans for air movement
- Low or non-emitting
- VOC paints & finishes
- Use of finish materials w/ renewable & recycled content
- FSC Certified wood products



OWNER/DEVELOPER:
CSU, Sacramento

ARCHITECT:
Mogavero Architects

GENERAL CONTRACTOR:
SW Allen/ Otto Construction

CONSULTANTS:
Food Service Design: WEBB Design
Structural: Miyamoto International, Inc.
Electrical/Mechanical/Plumbing: Interface Engineering/Capital Engineering
Landscape: Mogavero Architects

SIZE AND COST:
26,000 sq. ft.

DATE OF COMPLETION:
Phase One: August 2011/Phase Two: August 2016