Welcome!

Public Open House: Arts Student Centre (DP#19030)

Overview
The Arts Student Centre (ASC) is envisioned as an efficient multi-purpose facility that will advance the core mission of the Arts Undergraduate Society (AUS). This includes improving the academic, social, personal, and professional lives of Arts students at UBC Vancouver, and providing much-needed amenities to support a diverse Faculty of Arts student population.

The new ASC will be integrated into the Brock Commons Phase 2 site at the northeast corner of East Mall and Walter Gage Road.

Your feedback will inform the final design of the ASC.

WHAT YOU WILL FIND AT THIS OPEN HOUSE

At this open house you will find information about the Development Permit Application for the new Arts Student Centre. You can provide feedback on this project by filling out a Feedback Form in person at this open house or online at www.planning.ubc.ca/asc.

ENGAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

Campus + Community Planning’s consultation processes are guided by Engagement Principles, which ensure clarity and transparency in how we define, design, implement, and conclude public engagement in our community planning processes. The principles were created through consultation with a wide range of partners including campus stakeholders, student government, and Musqueam.
In 2013, the AUS began raising funds through student fees for a new, stand-alone Arts Student Centre. Various sites have been tested over the past 2 years and community feedback has helped shape the planning for the ASC.

**Project Timeline**

2012
AUS passes referendum to raise fees for a standalone ASC.

**FALL 2017**
AUS collects sufficient funds for ASC program planning to begin.

**UBC staff asked the AUS to consider a site in the Bosque for the modest-sized ASC building.**

**MARCH/APRIL 2018**
Public consultation (as part of U Boulevard Area Phase 1) on the proposed site for the ASC in the Bosque.

**OCTOBER 2018**
Additional public consultation (as part of U Boulevard Area Phase 2) on the integration of the ASC into the area.

**MAY/JUNE 2019**
UBC staff begin exploring alternative sites for the ASC due to community concern. Brock Commons Phase 2 recommended as new site.

**OCTOBER 2019**
ASC Development Permit Open House.

**SEPTEMBER 2019**
ASC receives a revised Board 1 approval from Board of Governors (new site approved).

**DECEMBER 2019**
ASC will be presented to the Board of Governors for Board 2 approval.

**SUMMER 2021**
Completion of the ASC.

**SPRING 2020**
Construction of the ASC and Brock Commons Phase 2 begins, pending Board of Governors Board 3 approval.

**FALL 2022**
Completion of Brock Commons Phase 2.

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**Key milestones**

- Public consultation

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**NEXT STEPS**

The ASC will be presented to the Board of Governors for Board 2 approval in December 2019. Subject to approval, construction will begin Spring 2020. The ASC is expected to be completed in Summer 2021.
Community feedback is a crucial element of UBC’s planning processes. In response to community feedback this past year, a new site was selected for the Arts Student Centre (ASC) and design is now underway to integrate the building within the Brock Commons Phase 2 site.

Planning and Siting of the ASC
The ASC project in the Bosque received Board 1 approval in June 2018.

In May 2019, staff were asked to evaluate alternative sites for the ASC in response to community feedback about locating the building the Bosque.

This past June, in consultation with the Arts Undergraduate Society (AUS), the Faculty of Arts and the AMS, staff identified and evaluated various sites. The evaluation concluded that the northeast corner of East Mall and Walter Gage Road, within the Brock Commons Phase 2 site is the best suited location for the standalone ASC building.

In September 2019 the site was approved by the Board of Governors through a revised Board 1 approval.

Benefits
For the Arts student community, the Brock Commons site is ideally located at the intersection of the Arts academic precinct in the Buchanan complex, the student services/student life precinct and the Bus Exchange. The new facility will contribute positively to Brock Commons Phase 2 and the broader precinct.

DESIGN PROPOSAL
The following boards illustrate the proposed plan for the ASC.