

July 31, 1962

Mr. Edward M. Gilpatrick, Business Agent  
Department of Education  
200 Newbury Street  
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Required Areas For  
New Library Building

Dear Mr. Gilpatrick:

I am writing as a follow-up of the meeting held at this college on July 23, 1962 to discuss plans for a much-needed Library Building at this college, and attended by you, Mr. James Cusack of the Division of Building Construction and Mr. Peter Brown of the architectural firm of Desmond & Lord, and representatives of this college. In accordance with the request made of me at that meeting, I am forwarding to Mr. Brown the enclosed sheet of requirements for the building.

As you know, a new Library Building is a crucial need at this college as was pointed out in the 1952 accreditation report of the A.A.C.T.E. The Library Building is urgently needed to provide new facilities for our present enrollment and for the anticipated enrollment of 1700 and an anticipated library collection of 150,000 volumes. The present library is already inadequate for our small collection of 27,000 volumes and our September enrollment of 875 students.

Increasing library facilities are needed:

- a. For broadening our program to include Liberal Arts Majors in a number of fields.
- b. For meeting the needs of our Graduate Program in Education leading to the Master of Education Degree, and for additional proposed graduate work.
- c. For providing seating space for 30% of our anticipated enrollment, that is, 510 students and providing space for our anticipated 150,000 volumes.

You will note that the listed requirements call for a number of facilities in addition to the Library itself including Audio-Visual facilities, Curriculum Materials facilities, Language and Speech Laboratories, and a Planetarium. We realize that the inclusion of a Planetarium on a State College campus has not met with departmental approval previously but we request further consideration of this matter especially in view of recent developments in space science.

Our regular library personnel and members of our library committee are not on campus at the present time so I am submitting this material subject to refinement when our full staff is available for further study of library requirements.

We ask that high priority be given this project because of the urgency of a need for a new library at this expanding college.

I am most appreciative that attention is being given to the matter and urge most emphatically that steps be taken to expedite the project.

Very truly yours,

D. Justin McCarthy  
President

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c.c. Mr. Peter Brown  
Mr. James Cusack  
Dr. John Gillespie  
Desmond & Lord