

## JOBE LOUNGE FURNISHINGS

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize the administration to purchase furnishings for the Jobe Lounge from Interiors for Business, Inc. of Batavia, IL, a Steelcase distributor, utilizing Educational and Institutional (E & I) Cooperative pricing, in an amount not to exceed **\$77,809.74**.

Furniture Type	Amount
Lounge furniture	\$ 27,097.00
Modular furniture to replace existing bench seating	\$ 19,746.00
Mobile lounge chairs with tablet arms	\$ 15,997.00
Round study tables and chairs	\$ 6,882.50
Coffee tables	\$ 4,889.24
Delivery and installation	\$ 3,198.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 77,809.74</b>

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Dr. David Sam, President

### Background

The primary space at the Spartan campus for student activities is the Jobe Lounge. This area allows the students the opportunity to study, work on their notebook computers, and socialize. Additionally, the Jobe Lounge is used for special events such as multicultural programming, panel presentations, and student welcome activities. The current furnishings however, have not been replaced for approximately 20 years. The upholstered chairs and couches are stained and torn and the frames are damaged beyond repair and cannot be re-upholstered.

Over the past 4 weeks, the College has placed sample furnishings in both the Jobe Lounge and the academic library. A student survey was conducted at to which furniture they found to be the most comfortable and that would enable the space to be used more effectively for college activities. Based on this information, the vendor provided space design and furnishing recommendations.

Through ECC's membership with E & I Cooperative, ECC is entitled to significant discounts for Steelcase furnishings. Each distributor provides the pricing based on the E & I agreement.

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