

**2. Act on Requests to Amend Capital Improvement
Plan and Approve Architectural Program
Statement for Construction of Multicultural
Student Center – KSU**

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Kansas State University requests approval to amend the FY 2019 capital improvement project plan and to accept the program statement for the construction of the Multicultural Student Center. The University is home to more than 4,100 multicultural students and 49 multicultural organizations. The Center will provide a central space that encourages intercultural interaction and engages students, faculty and staff from all over the world. Creation of the Center has been discussed for many years and was prioritized during the inaugural KSUnite event in November 2017. A university-wide team was engaged to provide recommendations on the facility's use, features, location and design.

The 14,340 square foot facility will be adjacent to the K-State Student Union. The facility will be designed in a manner so that it can operate independently or in concert with the Union. Careful planning will ensure logistical support while maintaining a unique experience as users transition between the structures. The Center will include a welcome area; gathering, meeting and performance practice space; student and multicultural student organization group spaces; a kitchen; office space and core support space, such as a lactation room and student organization storage space. Meeting spaces will be designed to allow small rooms to be transformed into larger rooms to accommodate a variety of events. The estimated project cost is \$5.5 million and will be financed from private gifts. As of October 2018, \$4.2 million has been raised to fund the project.