ENCOURAGE GATHERING
2.02 - IMPROVE FACILITIES – WILKERSON HALL REMODELING

Who?
- Residents living in the Wilkerson complex and students eating in the dining center
- Students using the programming space and services
- Campus partners with interest in expanding and enriching student learning

What?
Provide a more environmentally friendly, functional, and design forward dining center and student gathering space

Why?
Built in 1969, Wilkerson Hall houses the dining center where staff serve almost 3,000 meals daily. Renovation will support modern meal service requirements and improve the student experience for gathering with modern décor

When?
Currently the campus is providing input to the architect and consultants. This is a phased project that will take up to 2 years to complete.

How?
JLG Architects, along with consultants Solomon Cordwell Buenz and Robert Rippe & Associates, will lead the design and renovation. Objectives include:
- Address the overall goals and vision of the campus and the residents
- Develop a detailed project timeline that emphasizes communication at all stages of the design and construction

Progress/Results
1. Legislative and SBHE approval was received to borrow necessary funds ($14 million)
2. Architect and consultants were selected
3. A Visioning Committee met several times this spring semester
4. Discussions took place with the Association of Residence Halls (ARH) about residents’ needs
5. Open Forums for faculty, staff, and students collected campus input on April 18-19, 2012
6. The project will move ahead with attention to student and campus needs, as well as budget