

# College of Business gets final OK for

## new home

### Clemson project to start in fall

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Clemson University received final approval this week to start construction on an \$87 million state-of-the-art building for the university's College of Business.

The 170,000-square-foot building was approved by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority on Tuesday.

Work on one of the biggest academic building projects in school history will be across from Bowman Field and is expected to start this fall, with a projected move-in date of early 2020, the college said.

"This new home for our outstanding College of Business is a key component of the university's ongoing efforts to provide

the type of academic facilities necessary to keep Clemson among the very best public universities in the country," Clemson President James P. Clements said in a statement. "We very much appreciate the support from our leaders in state government for this extremely important project and look forward to breaking ground on what will be one of the finest business education facilities in the country."

Planning for the new five-story building took more than two years, after Clemson's trustees gave pre-concept approval to move forward in April 2015.

A mostly brick building with glass towers, the new College of Business will feature an open atrium and an expansive outdoor stairway that leads to a plaza overlooking Bowman Field. Inside will be classrooms, faculty and support staff offices, the college's institutes and shared-

learning spaces.

The building will also include 162,000 square feet of space to accommodate growth, making it more than twice the size of Sirrine Hall, the college's current School of Business built in 1938.

Sirrine Hall will become "swing space" for people transitioning to new locations on campus due to renovation or new construction, the college said.

Seattle-based LMN Archi-

tecs is designing the building with architecture firm LS3P's Greenville office.

Scott May, with LSP3 and the project's lead architect, said in a statement careful consideration was given to the planning to "maintain the campus's structural harmony."

The college said construction will be funded through state appropriations, private gifts and institutional bonds.

"Clemson has taken another

huge step as a world-class institution by rowing its business education capabilities," Bobby McCormick, dean of the business school, said in a release. "This new facility will shine even brighter light on our ability to shape students' leadership, innovation and entrepreneurial skills. This is a historic project in size and scope because of the impact it will have on Clemson University's future as a whole."



Clemson University received final approval on Tuesday to start construction on its College of Business.

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