

## Brown Hall Renovation & Addition Project

### Project Description/Philosophy:

Brown Hall is a classroom and teaching laboratory building serving the English, Spanish, Foreign Languages & Communications departments. The purpose of the project is to upgrade existing spaces and building systems to contemporary standards for an instructional facility as well as provide additional large lecture hall spaces, which are needed on campus.

### Project Issues:

1. The project will create a large addition on the east side of the building, significantly changing the appearance & character. The massing and materials were selected to relate to the existing context of Brown Hall and neighboring buildings. A concrete base at grade and horizontal 2 story form clad in brick, reflects the existing architecture of Brown Hall. Glass and metal panel elements above punctuate this form and create a focal point with a contemporary appearance. The east entrance to the building will be enhanced with a covered canopy as well as landscaping.
2. A small addition on the west side of the building creates a covered entry and provides a large meeting room above with views to Miller Plaza. Existing steps in the entry vestibule will be removed for barrier free access, which will raise the plaza grade 2'-3' in this area. The massing & materials were selected to be consistent with the east addition and to emphasize the connection between the two areas.
3. The west & north entries are currently the most heavily used entries in the building. The new building plan improves the circulation pattern between the east & west entries with an open stairwell in the center of the building as well as larger Lobby space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (plaza level). The east entry is expected to have increased use due to improved circulation in the building & the addition of short term parking along Shaw Lane.
4. The existing loading dock will remain on the east side of the building, and will be relocated to the north end of the site. Several existing barrier free parking spaces will remain on the south end of the site. A stormwater detention basin will be provided in a landscaped area in front of the east entry.