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1. Pilot small library design projects on campus to see how students react and engage.

2. Create a dialogue with library administrators and admissions/recruitment professionals to discuss how the library can become an asset.

3. Engage campus leaders and students through workshops to imagine a new type of learning space for your campus.

4. Develop a plan for the future of your library, even if it starts with “small wins.”
AGENDA

1. Trends in library design
2. Case Study: University of California, Berkeley
3. Case Study: University of San Francisco
4. Discussion
EMERGING TRENDS
confirmed renewed attention to the purpose and power of the campus library as both the gateway to knowledge, and as the symbolic center of academic life.

-Gensler, Librarians on Libraries: The Future of The Library from the Perspective of Library Leaders
TALENT IS CURRENCY

Unlike traditional academic design, libraries are more likely to resemble co-working spaces and startup offices, offering people more choice and control over where and how they work.
Increasingly, libraries are creating atmospheres in which social and academic interests can easily intersect, blurring the line between library and student center.
ANALOG’S NEW HOME

As students utilize books less and less, universities are clearing out the majority of their stacks, moving them to off-site storage facilities, creating room for new programs.
HAVE A PLAN, STAN

Developing a master plan for your library ensures projects are executed in a way that is rational, sustainable, and effective.
1. REFER TO E02.40 AND E02.50 FOR POWER AND COMMUNICATION LOCATIONS FOR FURNITURE AND MILLWORK.

As indicated:
- 4th FLOOR
- 5th FLOOR

Legend:
- Private Study
- Large Group
- Small Group
- Social Seating
- Community Seating
- Wellness
- Classroom
Linear Students Schedule
The traditional model of learning was linear, where we scheduled students sequentially throughout the day.

Ecology of Experiences
Today, that schedule is more fluid to align with influences of the external world and the very real changes in the way these learners acquire knowledge.
# STRATEGIC PLAN

## USF 2028

### FIVE DISTINCT QUALIFIERS

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<td>The Jesuit tradition is fully committed to the pursuit of academic excellence in the framework of students realizing the fullness of their humanity — of their developing into intelligent, sensitive and responsible members of society. As a Catholic university, USF asserts the centrality of God as a mystery that should engage believers and non-believers alike and the compatibility of faith and reason in the pursuit of truth.</td>
<td>The University holds up &quot;excellence as the standard for teaching, scholarship, creative expression and service&quot; (Core Values). USF evidences this commitment to excellence in the core activities of discovering, communicating and applying knowledge.</td>
<td>USF contributes to and benefits from the energy, resources, diversity and opportunities of a world-class city on the edge of the Pacific Rim.</td>
<td>USF prepares students for the complexities of a diverse and interdependent world through curricular and co-curricular offerings which capitalize on the differences within the city and the university.</td>
<td>USF educates students to responsible global citizenship in an increasingly interdependent world that offers innumerable opportunities for good, but is also home to two billion people who struggle to survive on $2 a day or less.</td>
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Our 11-week study, now at its end, explored and studied possible futures for Gleeson-Geschke, both physical and virtual, as it supports the backbone of USF: its faculty, students, administration and staff.
## TOOLS FOR ENGAGEMENT

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<td>42 Peer + Inspirational Benchmarks Studied</td>
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<td>5 Emerging Insights Identified</td>
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## CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT

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FINDINGS

GENSLER RESEARCH

We are conducting a multiyear investigation to understand what’s working, what isn’t, and what the future might hold for today’s academic libraries.

Our first step was to conduct observational analyses of seven academic libraries in the US and UK.

USF’s Gleeson Library contributed to the study in 2013.

SURVEY SAYS...

Our research surveyed over 1,200 students from across the US to understand study habits and preferences of today’s students.

Outcomes of our study showed that quiet space for students still ranked at the top of most important library resources.

The results of our study showed that quiet space for students still ranked at the top of most important library resources.
QUICK WINS

are essential to make change manifest, build momentum, provoke + involve, promote ownership, and create dialogue.

01 ENHANCE THE ENTRY SEQUENCE
02 INFUSE FOOD + DRINK
03 OFFER SEAMLESS PLUGIN + PLAY TECH
04 REMOVE BOUND PERIODICAL STACKS
05 TRANSFORM THE 4TH FLOOR INTO AN ICONIC READING ROOM
06 ENHANCE BALANCE OF COLLABORATION AND FOCUS SPACE
**MASTER PLAN**

A DIFFERENT & COMPELLING CHARACTER FOR EACH FLOOR
MASTER PLAN
BIG WINS

are critical to inspire community, differentiate the campus meaningfully, and enhance the USF brand.
LET’S DISCUSS