

into Stokes would be pre-health advising (currently in Chase) and 8th Dimension (currently in Founders). Overall, these recommendations put together functions that will benefit greatly from proximity to each other and form a cohesive student support network. A centralized location should lead to an increase in student traffic, improve coordination efforts and maximize efficiency of available resources.

To support adjacencies that are driven by personnel interactions or digital connections, (complementing “spatial” adjacencies), much of our digital and computational services will remain in Stokes, the home to IITS. The staff of this Department will of necessity become integrally involved in developing a vision for digital technology and digital support in each of the clusters described above. Several of the members of this staff have already been actively engaged in working with students and faculty in the areas of instructional support, digital scholarship and visual production, and will continue to work closely with us in planning the renovations needed to meet future academic needs. There may be the possibility of expansion of these technology services if additional space is made available in Stokes, for example by moving faculty offices to Founders. For one, the Registrar’s Office might move from Chase, which would then provide valuable adjacencies with IITS. This adjacency would recognize the fact that the Registrar Function is likely to be largely a virtual one, with students and faculty interacting largely over our computing networks, and can gain from direct support from IITS to help manage both the hardware and software support.

Should space become available in Chase, that building too has the potential to house yet another programming cluster in support of the goals of the Plan: a potential new location for CPGC (space needs for CPGC are provided in Appendix G.1) or as a new international services hub, providing support for faculty and students in a more cohesive manner.

All these ideas will need much further thought in the months ahead.

Next Steps

The Academic Space Planning Committee has recently met with an outside consulting group, called Brightspot, to help to us to think about the most effective ways to integrate our program ideas with the physical spaces that could house them before we move to the development of architectural plans. We are eager to move along as expeditiously as possible and to shape a number of these projects into possible campaign priorities. Our hope is to have preliminary architectural plans for the four major projects by the end of next academic year.