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NEW BUILDING DESIGN FEATURES DEDICATED WORKING AREA FOR ADJUNCT INSTRUCTORS

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Lindenwood University will break ground May 21 on a new Library and Academic Resources Center, and one of the three-story building's many features is a multi-purpose conference and individual work environment specifically for adjunct instructors.

Liz MacDonald, dean of Library Services, said the 100,000 square foot building will replace the historic Margaret Leggat Butler Library building.

The library will bring together a variety of student services under one roof, including the Writing Center, Student and Academic Support Services, Career Services, and Lindenwood Online. MacDonald said the building will include 10 new classrooms, along with a large, fully-equipped suite designed to accommodate approximately 70 adjunct instructors.

Developed during early stages of the building's design, the adjunct suite will include: seven private offices; a larger office for small group gatherings; 25 semi-private work spaces for adjunct instructors—each with overhead storage, computers, and telephones. The space also features a bank of lockers so adjunct instructors can store personal items while teaching.

"Our new library building will provide support to many of our stakeholders, most importantly our students," said Brittany Brown, adjunct coordinator for Human Resources at Lindenwood. "We're pleased to provide a comfortable, convenient and professional environment outside the classroom for our adjunct instructors."

Brown pointed out that in 2010, Lindenwood completed a 59,000 square foot addition to Harmon Hall. That renovation also included significant adjunct instructor workspace with phones, computers, mailboxes, etc.

Vice President Julie Mueller said Lindenwood has extensive planning discussions whenever new buildings are constructed, and adjunct instructor needs are reviewed alongside the needs of Lindenwood's full-time faculty.

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