

**Create an outdoor courtyard patio near the library that can be used in good weather conditions by all students and staff.**

**CURRENT CHALLENGE:**

The impact on the library due to the significant amount of students that use the entire facility. This has caused a major issue because the massive amount of students who continually use studying/socializing/eating areas wear down many of the furniture materials in the library at a rapid rate.

**PROPOSED SOLUTION:**

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I recommend that the library be expanded by creating an outdoor courtyard patio that can be used in good weather conditions by all students and staff. This would dramatically reduce the number of students using indoor facilities and also utilize areas which are currently not being operated at this time. These areas are wasted landscape space that are being irrigated with no benefit to the university, staff, or students.

**BENEFITS TO FRESNO STATE:**

There are many benefits that come with this solution which include:

- 1) Expands library space from indoor to outdoor
- 2) Reduces student traffic throughout library
- 3) Creates outside eating area which means a cleaner facility
- 4) Reduces the rate of library furniture and carpeting deteriorating overtime
- 5) Provides greater atmosphere with outdoor space
- 6) Saves use of water being utilized for wasted landscape space by implementing hardscape designs to the area

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Converting an unused landscape area to a hardscape area that students can use would be a great benefit to the university, staff, students, and the Fresno State community as a whole. The proposed area to be used currently has entry and exit doors through the emergency stair well doors. Not much change would be needed to create this potential outside library courtyard. This project could be completed in the span of only three months with the right direction and execution.