

Build a new multi-purpose venue on campus that will at least double the current capacity of the SSU.

CURRENT CHALLENGE:

Challenge is there is no venue on campus (notwithstanding the SM center) to hold events that can accommodate more than 800 attendees. This has been the case since the SSU was built around 30 years ago. Over the years there have some attempts to expand the SSU, but it has never happened. With the campus growing and growing, this need for a venue for 1500 to 2000 attendees should be without a doubt a top priority. As I understand it, plans the "potential" new Student Union does not have this capability

PROPOSED SOLUTION:

Either build a new multi-purpose venue on campus that will at least double the current capacity of the largest, outdated venue (SSU). Or if there will be a new Student Union, then have it include a multi-purpose venue that allows for 1500-2000 attendees.

BENEFITS TO FRESNO STATE:

There are many events that have been lost to the University because we didn't have a large enough venue. Fresno State would benefit at every level from Student, Faculty, Staff and off campus partners to hold events at a level that this University deserves. The SM center is great, but not suited for day to day operations of this larger venue. I've been advocating this for years...It is way passed due. It is a bold project, but one that will enhance Fresno State and bring it into the 21st century and beyond.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

It's time to take a bold move on this. It's been over 30 years since the SSU was built. The SSU is extensively used and credit to Fresno State for building it. But, look how far we've come in technology, student population and community partnerships. It's time to have a venue that supports the current and future needs of the University.