

Proposed Beautification Project of the Nazarian Corridor at USC Libraries

- The Nazarian corridor in the Doheny Memorial Library is a favorite study and chat location for students. It's the only area in Doheny that permits food & drink, and its location adjacent to the Literati Café makes the space especially popular with students. In fact, during the academic year, the eight sofa chairs and six counter stools are typically occupied throughout the day. However, the high usage has impacted the appearance of the room. The counter and table tops are especially worn.
- Despite its popularity with students, refurbishment of the Nazarian corridor is not considered a project for USC's Facilities Department and upgrades to the area must be funded by Libraries. Recently, the Dean provided funds to reupholster the stools and chairs, but funds are still needed to refinish the counter and tables. The project has gone out to bid and an approved university vendor (Vancrest Construction Corp.) has submitted a bid of \$6,200, which includes:
 - ✓ Removing the existing stain on the countertop and four tables
 - ✓ Preparing the left and right vertical pieces of the countertop
 - ✓ Applying new stain to the countertop, vertical pieces and tables
 - ✓ Applying semi-gloss sealer
 - ✓ Cleaning and removing any debris on the floor
- Our "wish list" of additional needed upgrades to the Nazarian Corridor include:
 - ✓ Painting the walls
 - ✓ Cleaning the light fixtures
 - ✓ Replacing ten outdated electrical sockets with covers with a patina finish to match the counter topUSC Facilities Department estimates an additional \$2,000 for these upgrades.
- Assuming funding is received in early July, it is estimated the project could be completed before students return for the fall semester in late August.
- USC Libraries would be pleased to hold an open house wine & cheese event in the Nazarian Corridor for Town & Gown Board members and donors – to celebrate the completion of the beautification project. This could also be a time to introduce the Interim Dean for USC Libraries to Town & Gown leadership.
- Phase two of this beautification project consists of similar refinishing of two study counters outside the Cinematic Arts Library – around the corner from the Nazarian corridor in the Doheny Library. The approved university vendor has submitted a bid of \$5,200 for refinishing the countertops.

Please see attached photos of the proposed project.

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PROJECT SITE PHOTOS

Long view of the Nazarian Corridor today.



View of damage to counter top from high usage and the outdated power sockets.



One of the three tables needing refinishing.

Phase 2 – One of two counters in the Cinematic Arts Study area that need refinishing.

