



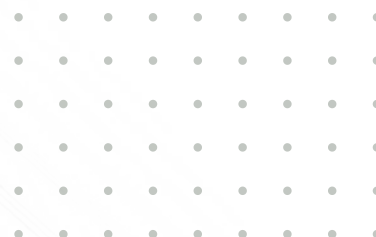
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RENOVATED ROOMS

(FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT) UPSE BATCH 2004-CWC INTERIORS STUDENT LOUNGE,
DEAN J. ALBURO MEETING ROOM, RIINGEN-INFORMATICS IT LAB, GERARDO P. SICAT STUDY ROOM,
DEAN J. ALBURO TRAINING ROOM, AND UP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF GREATER CHICAGO DISCUSSION ROOM

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About the Project

The UP School of Economics (UPSE) is launching the **Future-Proofing UPSE** project to adapt to the evolving academic and technological landscape.

Modernizing the Main Building: A Hub for Excellence

The 4th floor of the Main Building is being transformed into a multifunctional space that meets the diverse needs of the academic community. This renovation will introduce state-of-the-art facilities, including a board room, meeting rooms, a research lab, and a learning commons--demonstrating UPSE's commitment to innovative education and collaboration.

Transforming the Library into a Third Space

The 2nd to 4th floors of the UPSE Library are also undergoing revitalization to create an enhanced research and study environment. By preserving essential academic resources and integrating modern technology, the renovation will transform the library into a collaborative hub that supports both traditional and digital learning.



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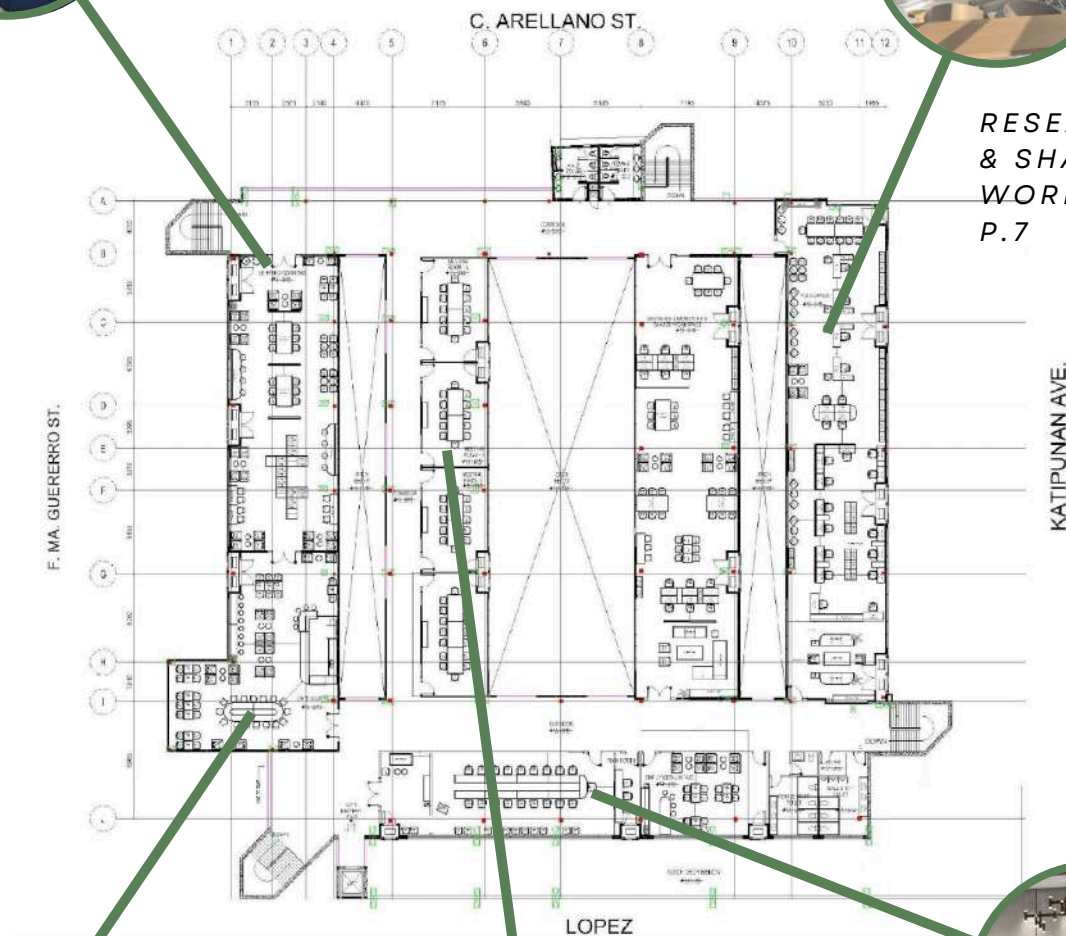
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Learning Commons

The LEARNING COMMONS is envisioned as a dynamic, flexible space designed to support a variety of learning activities. It will include areas for group collaboration, individual study, and technology access, fostering an interactive environment for discussions, projects, and research. With adaptable furniture, quiet zones for focused work, and ample digital resources, the Learning Commons will seamlessly blend collaboration with independent learning, creating an inclusive atmosphere that encourages creativity, critical thinking, and productivity.



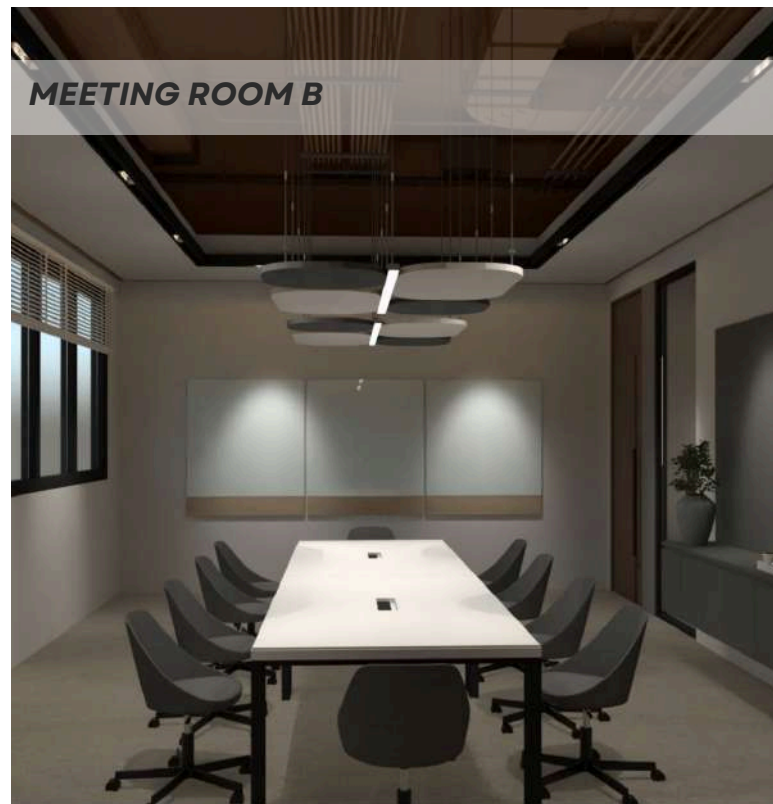
Cafe Lounge

The CAFE LOUNGE will be a vibrant, inviting space designed for relaxation and informal gatherings. It will offer a comfortable setting where students and faculty can socialize, collaborate, or unwind between classes. With cozy seating, warm lighting, and an atmosphere that fosters community, the cafe lounge will serve as a hub for creativity and connection within the academic environment. Additionally, it will feature areas equipped with charging stations and Wi-Fi, enabling users to work on projects or study in a laid-back and casual environment.



Meeting Rooms A-D

The MEETING ROOMS will be versatile spaces designed to facilitate collaboration and productivity among students, faculty, and staff. Equipped with modern technology, including audiovisual systems and teleconferencing capabilities, these rooms will accommodate a variety of activities, from formal presentations to small group discussions. Flexible seating arrangements will allow for multiple configurations, catering to different meeting styles and needs.



Board Room

The BOARD ROOM will be an elegant, professional space designed for high-level meetings and strategic discussions. Outfitted with audiovisual technology and teleconferencing capabilities, it will enable seamless communication and presentations. The room will feature a large conference table with ergonomic seating, ensuring comfort during extended sessions. Combining functionality and sophistication, the board room will serve as a central venue for decision-making, collaboration, and leadership within the academic community.



Research Lab & Shared Workspace

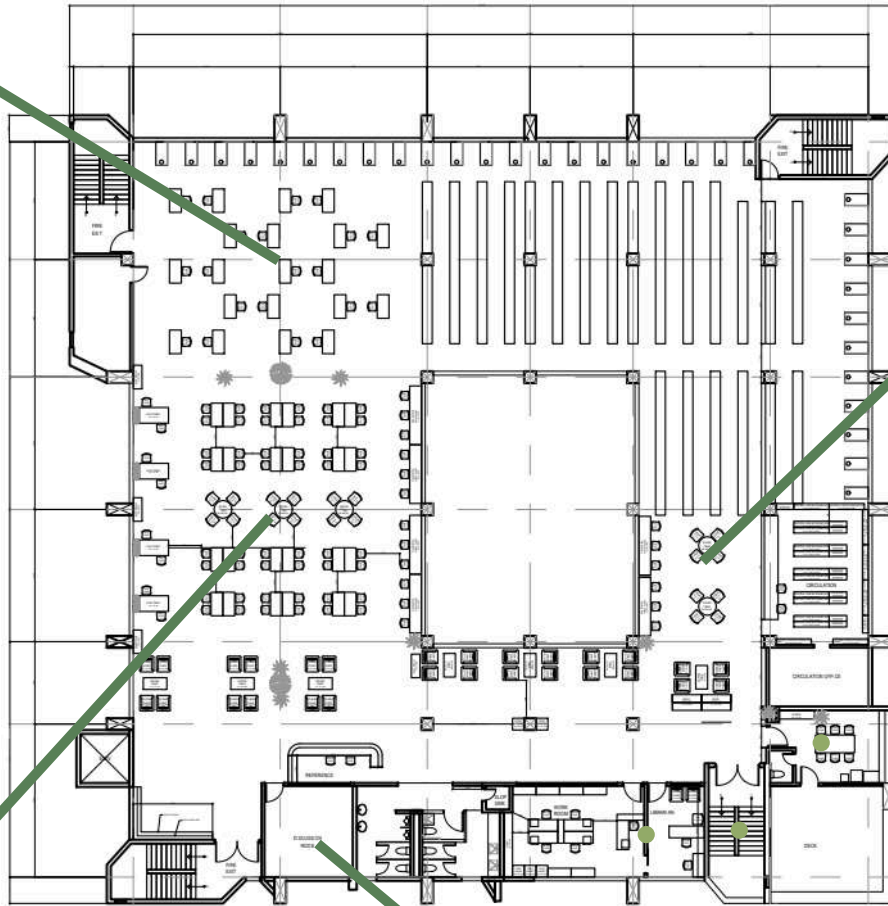
The RESEARCH LAB & SHARED WORKSPACE will be collaborative environments designed to foster innovation and academic inquiry. The research lab will be equipped with advanced tools and technology to support data analysis and experimental work, enabling faculty and students to engage in cutting-edge research. The shared workspace will provide flexible areas for group projects, brainstorming sessions, and informal meetings, featuring adaptable furniture and ample resources.



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Reading Area 1

The READING AREA 1 will be an open space designed for reading, studying, and research. The revitalized reading area will enhance access to print collections and electronic resources by offering computing facilities, Wi-Fi access, and charging stations. With a coffee shop-like ambiance, it will attract more users and encourage younger individuals to utilize the facilities. Upgraded furniture will improve comfort and ergonomics, allowing users to spend extended periods of time in the area.



Reading Area 2

The READING AREA 2 will be designed for immersive study. In addition to an open area with chairs and tables, study carrels will be positioned along the edges of the space. Each carrel will feature comfortable seating, adequate lighting, a dedicated workspace, and dividers to minimize distractions and enhance focus. The entire reading area will be visually pleasing and welcoming, creating an inviting atmosphere for focused learning.



Elinor Virata & Family and Class of 1998 Discussion Room

The ELINOR VIRATA & FAMILY AND CLASS OF 1998 DISCUSSION ROOM will be a dedicated learning space for group discussions, collaborative study, and tutorial sessions. Designed to promote effective and engaging interactions. The room will feature comfortable seating arrangements, collaboration tools, and a flexible layout. Thoughtfully crafted decor will create a welcoming atmosphere for all users.



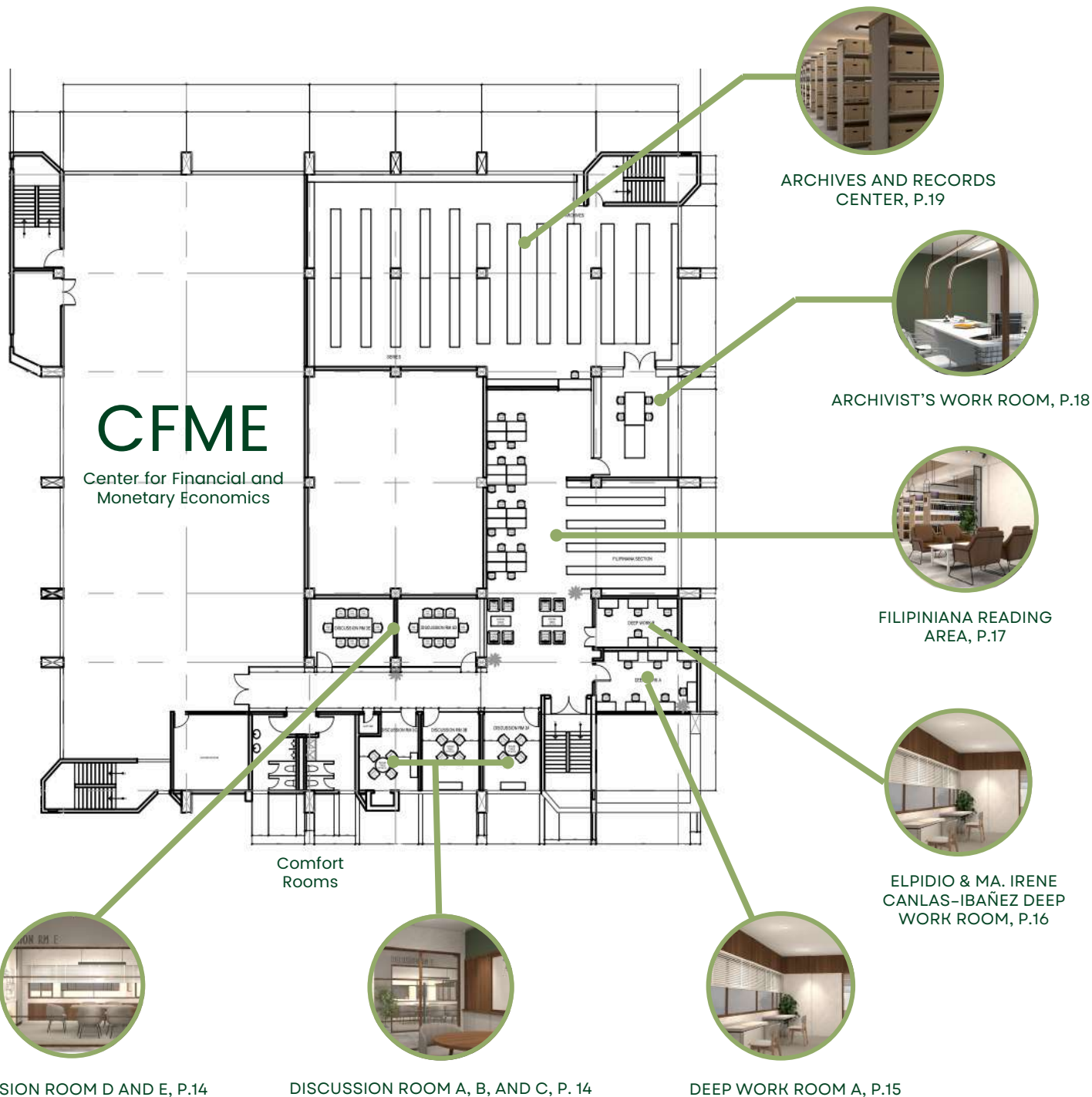
Circulation Counter

The CIRCULATION DESK will serve as the central hub where library users can check out, return, and renew materials including books, magazines, and other media items. Staffed by librarians and library assistants, the desk support patrons with their borrowing needs. Originally located in the same spot since the library's opening, the desk will be relocated to improve access and increase foot traffic. This move will also create space for an additional print collection and provide an alternative exit point for emergency situations.



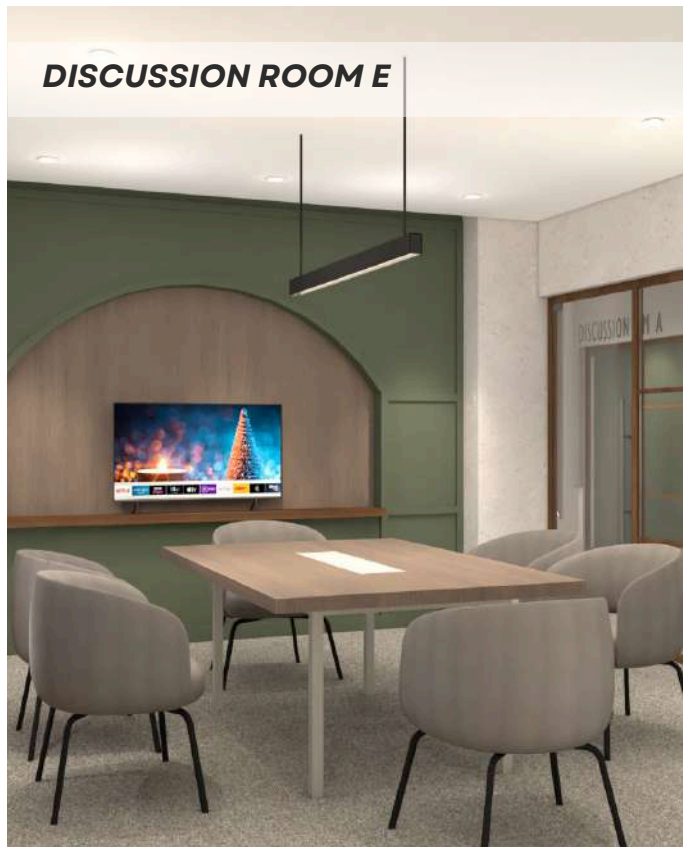
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LIBRARY BUILDING (THIRD FLOOR)



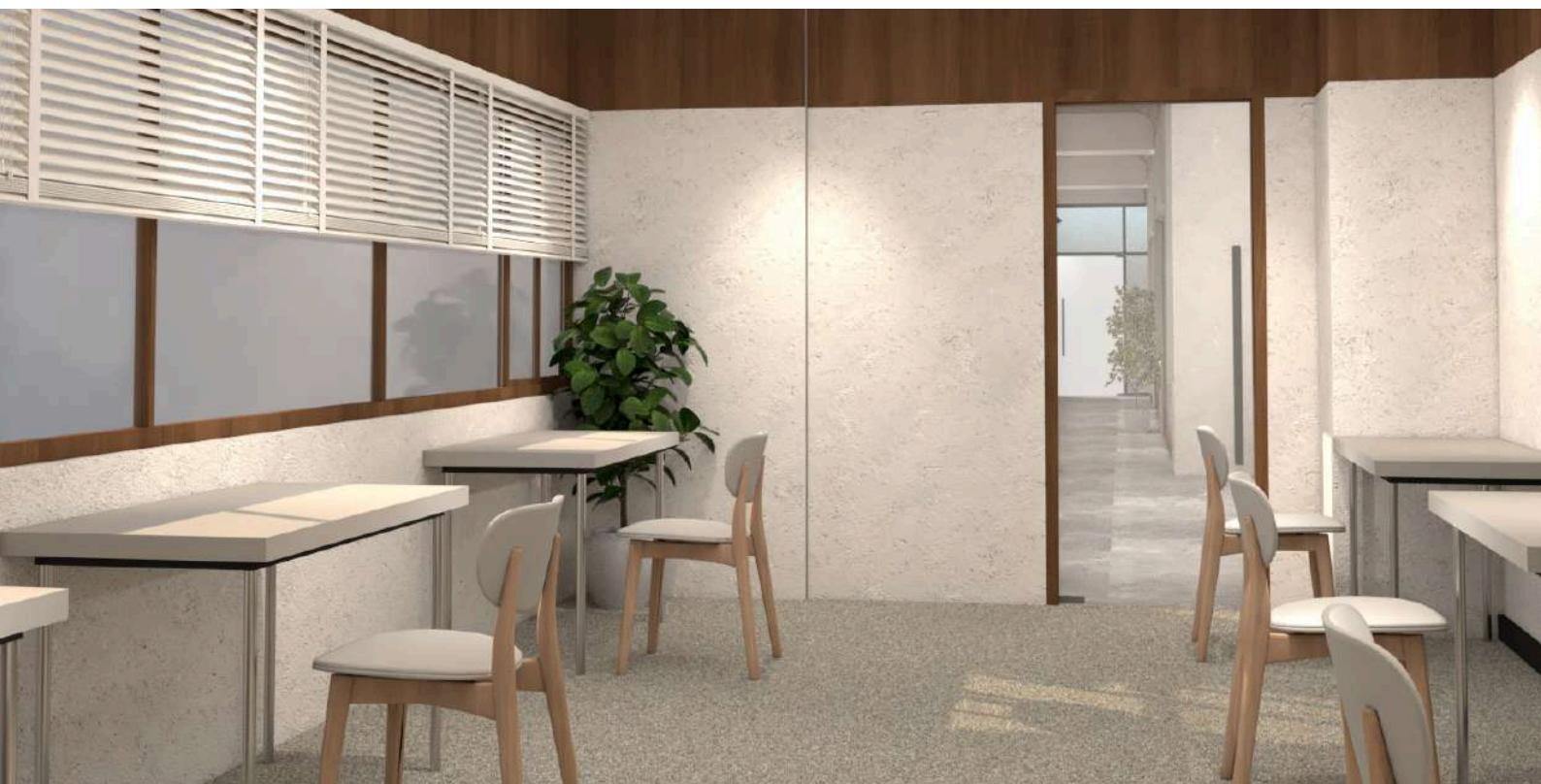
Discussion Room A-E

Discussion rooms will be enclosed spaces designed to facilitate academic discussions and collaborative learning. Five discussion rooms will be constructed on the third floor. Each room will feature interactive displays, projectors, conference tables, comfortable chairs, soundproofing, and suitable lighting fixtures. Room sizes will vary, offering users flexible options based on group size and specific needs.



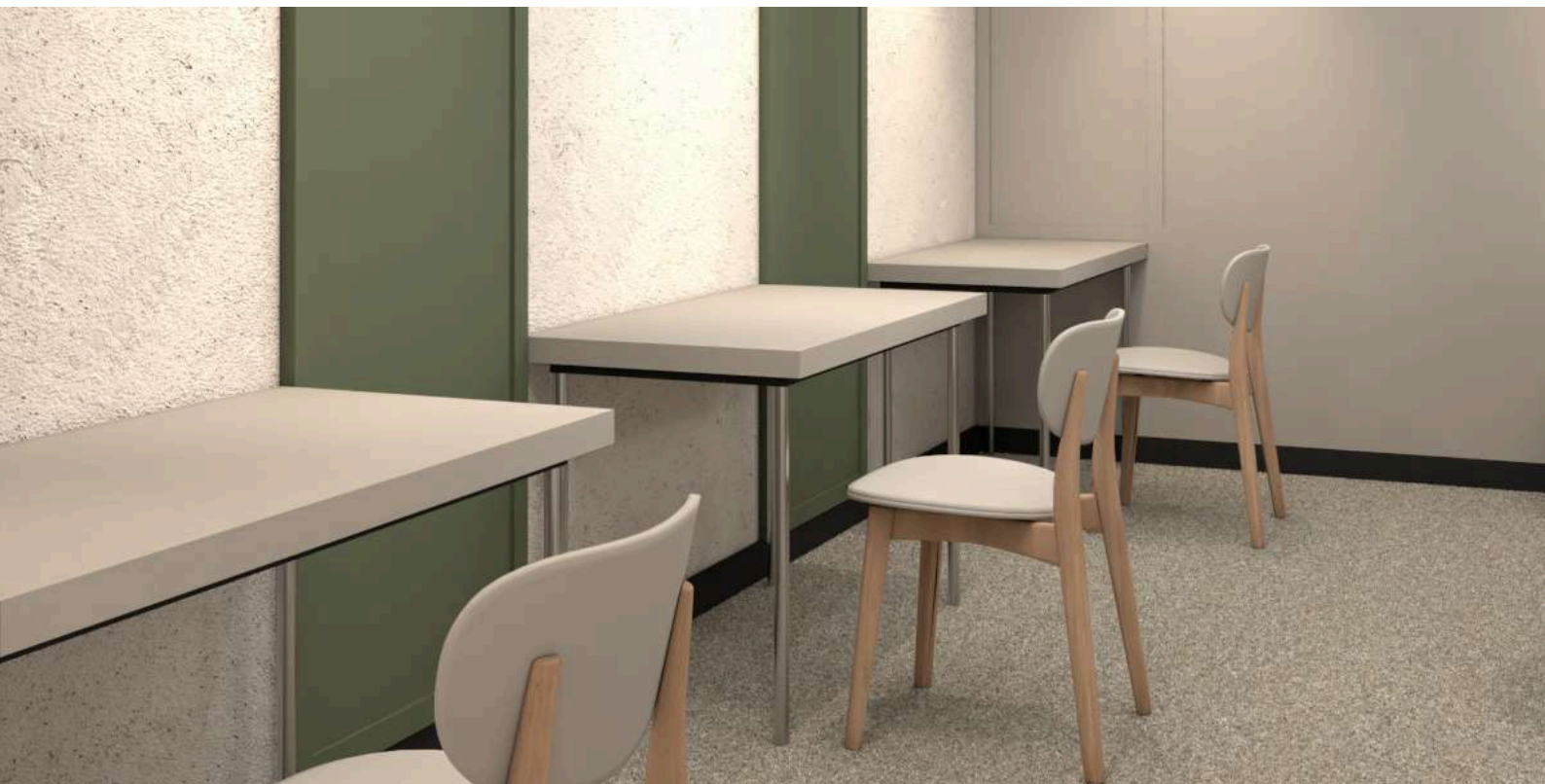
Deep Work Room A

DEEP WORK ROOM A will be an enclosed space designed to offer library users a quiet, distraction-free environment for focused, high-concentration tasks or creative work. Two existing storage rooms will be converted into deep workspaces, accessible to faculty and library patrons for writing theses, dissertations, or research papers. Equipped with ergonomic furniture and well-designed lighting, each room will enhance comfort and focus, enabling users to achieve a flow state that boosts both productivity and creativity.



Elpidio & Ma. Irene Canlas-Ibañez Deep Work Room

The ELPIDIO & MA. IRENE CANLAS-IBAÑEZ DEEP WORK ROOM will provide a private, distraction-free setting tailored for focused, intensive work or creative projects. Outfitted with ergonomic furniture and carefully designed lighting, the rooms will promote comfort and concentration, helping users reach a flow state for enhanced productivity and creativity. Ideal for high-concentration work, these rooms will foster a conducive environment for academic pursuits.



Filipiniana Reading Area

The FILIPINIANA READING AREA will be a dedicated space for users to access and explore the Filipiniana collection. This collection will include materials published in the Philippines, focused on the country, or authored by Filipinos. The area will offer a well-ventilated, comfortable environment. Its aesthetically pleasing decor is designed to inspire and encourage users to engage deeply with the collection, fostering a greater appreciation for Philippine culture and heritage.



Archivist's Work Room

The ARCHIVIST's WORK ROOM will serve as a dedicated space for organizing and preserving records. Designed with reduced lighting to protect sensitive documents, it will be equipped with tables, shelving for archival supplies, computer workstations, and scanning equipment. These essential tools will support efficient archival tasks, enabling proper sorting and processing of materials. This environment will ensure that records are carefully handled and stored, preserving them for future access and safeguarding important collections.



Archives and Records Center

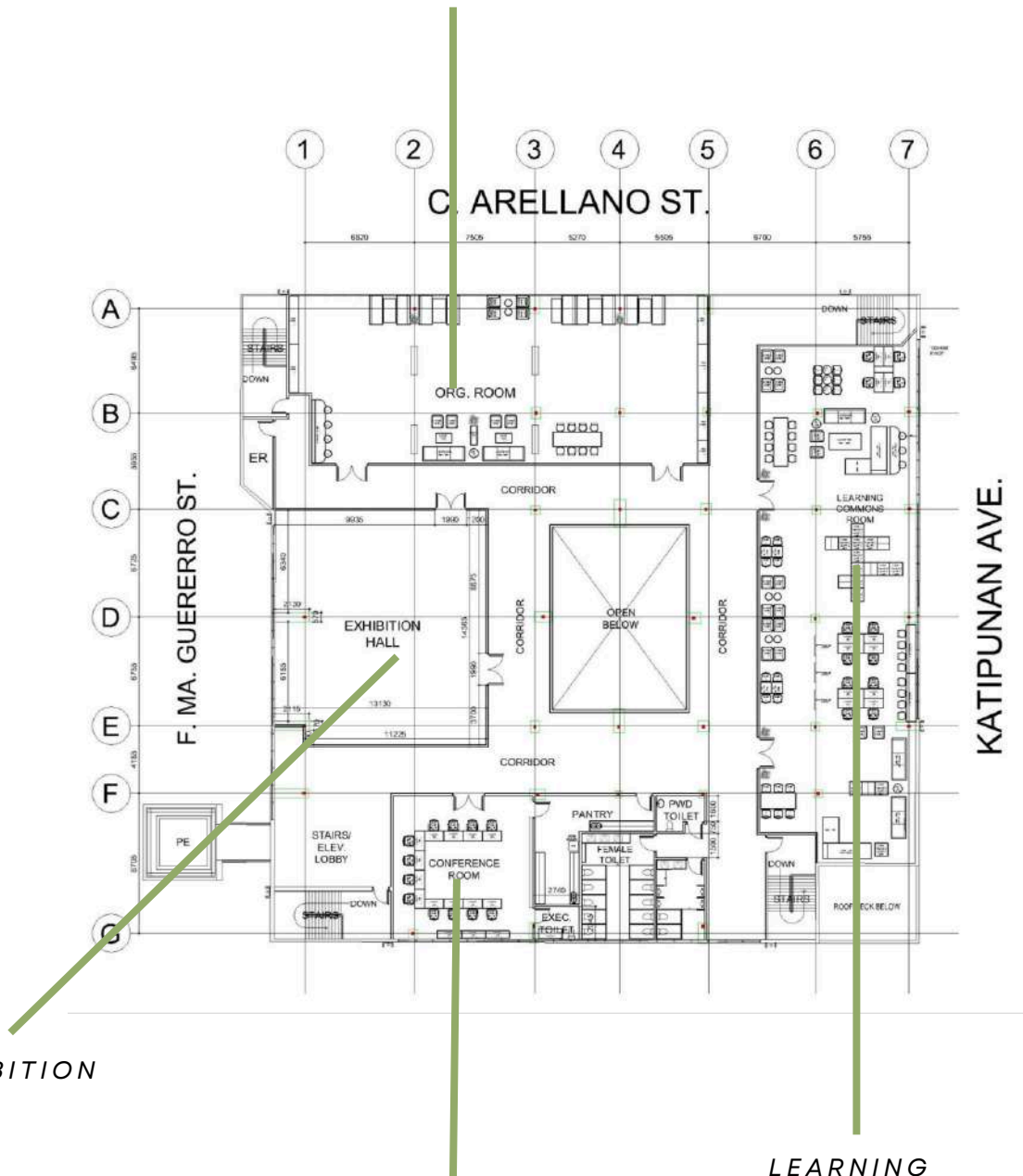
The ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CENTER preserves historical materials and vital records. The redesigned space will showcase personal papers from renowned economists, institutional memorabilia, and theses. A new preservation room will ensure that future generations benefit from these resources, while air conditioning units will regulate temperature and humidity to protect the integrity of the archives.



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Organization Room

The ORGANIZATION ROOM will serve as a dedicated space for student organizations and academic groups. It aims to provide a conducive environment for brainstorming, organizing events, and discussing academic or extracurricular activities. With modern facilities and a welcoming atmosphere, the Organization Room will support the vibrant student community in fostering teamwork, leadership skills, and academic engagement within the UP School of Economics.



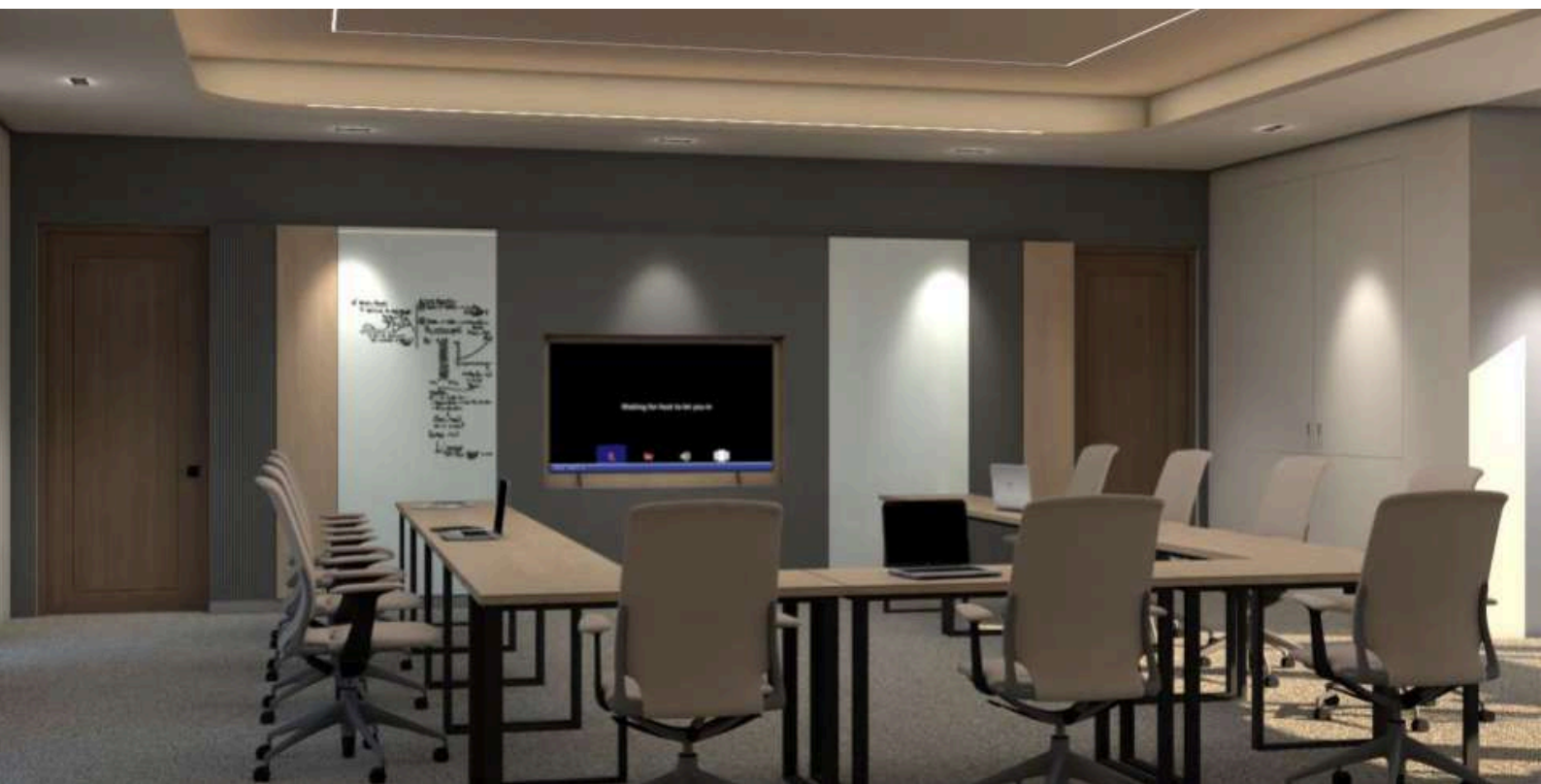
Exhibition Hall

The EXHIBITION HALL will serve as a dynamic space for showcasing academic achievements, research projects, and historical exhibits. Designed to inspire learning and engagement, the hall will feature rotating displays, interactive presentations, and multimedia tools. It will provide a platform for students, faculty, and visiting scholars to present their work, fostering a culture of intellectual exchange within the School of Economics.



Conference Room

The CONFERENCE ROOM will offer a professional setting for meetings, presentations, and academic discussions. Equipped with modern audiovisual technology, flexible seating, and video conferencing capabilities, it will support workshops, seminars, and group collaborations. Designed to foster productivity and engagement, the space will accommodate both in-person and virtual events, enhancing the School of Economics' capacity to host academic and administrative gatherings.



Learning Commons

The LEARNING COMMONS will provide a versatile, student-centered space for study, collaboration, and learning. Equipped with comfortable seating, study pods, and digital resources, it will cater to both individual and group work. The Learning Commons will encourage a collaborative academic environment, offering access to multimedia tools and fostering peer interaction, making it an ideal hub for research, projects, and informal learning.



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