Objective: Repurpose the library as a Student Learning Commons

Targeting two institutional strategic goals:

1. Improve Graduation/Transfer Rates (This is also the focus of our Campus Complete College Georgia Plan)
   The graduation/transfer rate measures the percentage of EGSC student who achieve academic success by earning a degree from EGSC or successfully transferring to another four year institution. EGSC has historically outperformed its peers in the University System of Georgia in this area. However, significant improvement in this area is essential to attaining the Governor’s stated goal through the Complete College Georgia initiative that seeks to dramatically increase the percentage of students in Georgia who attain an associate’s degree or higher. East Georgia State College is uniquely suited to make a substantial contribution in this effort because of its history of successfully recruiting students to an access institution and preparing them for academic success.

2. Maximize utilization of existing space
   EGSC’s Facilities Office will be conducting a detailed inventory/analysis of existing space and space usage for the following purposes:
   - Identify existing areas which can be modified at reasonable cost to address space needs due to increasing enrollment
   - Create a robust database of space utilization data which can be used in day-to-day management of space

Conceptual Idea: Create an Academic Center for Excellence

ACE Center Overview
The Academic Center for Excellence will be a Learning Commons encompassing all forms of learning conveniently located in one area. Classes, tutoring group projects, individual research, advisement, conversations, and contemplation with no distinction between those who need extra help, those who are meeting a group for discussion, or those who need academic advisement. Collaborative learning among students, as well as informal meetings between faculty and students, will be easier to accommodate and encourage a wide variety of learning and enrichment activities. Another collaborative effort will be with our food service provider to operate “Common Grounds” Coffee Shop inside the library to facilitate an even more inviting atmosphere for students, faculty, staff and campus visitors.

Message: Student academic success is a priority at East Georgia State College.