

Brent Agnia Transcription  
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BA: Hi I'm Brent Agnia with NHTN architects. I am the architect manager for the school of business and we have been developing this project. We have been working with the art installation. It has been a unique process-one of the first times I dealt with the public art being integrated into the actual building of the facility. We started out with a design that worked with the ceiling and after with working with that for quite a while we discovered that it wasn't going to install the way we all quite liked and we moved it to a wall application. So during the construction process we had to make a few alterations and come up with some design changes to support the graphics of the art. And it has been integrated into the building very well and it is looking very good right now. The public is going to enjoy this a lot, the integration of art into the building is a nice feature in comparison of having a stand-alone piece of art being a isolated element. This will really be something that I think the students and the public is going to enjoy for the long run so.

AP: Can I ask you to say something about the building itself? What have been some of the special aspects from your point of view?

BA: Yeah the building itself has got some very unique elements. It has a large exterior overhang which has made it more of a signature elements on campus. It has broken away from the traditional rectilinear shapes of buildings on campus. The interior has a four-story atrium, which is another element that is not used on campus that much anymore. And as part of that, that is where the art is and why it is in that dominant location because of the lobby itself, which is again a good location for it.

AP: Can I have you say something about the multiple functions of the building itself?

BA: The function of the building is actually housing the school of business. It won't house the entire campus but it will be the major building for the college and it has a mix of classrooms and offices for the entire staff-most of the staff will be in here. But it also has the majority of the classrooms for the students. It has a significant amount of breakout spaces and things like that so the students can collaborate and a lot of openness for collaboration in all the projects that they do. It has been a fairly interesting process.

AP: And what about the technology?

BA: The technology covers a wide gammit because some university professors, some can actually use a computer and some of them can't use a computer so we have a wide range of technology integrated into this building and it's been a process.