The Percy Gee Building

The Percy Gee Building houses our Students’ Union. It is an accessible and thriving multi-purpose building and one of the main hubs of our campus.

The building’s history

- The Percy Gee Building was designed by T. Shirley Worthington to be the central social facility for the University.
- It was one of the first of several mid-20th Century buildings to have contributed to the character of our campus.

The recent transformation

Between 2008 and 2011, the Percy Gee Building underwent an award-winning transformation.

We successfully transformed the building to become a much more suitable home for our Students’ Union by creating a vibrant atrium space which is now very popular as a social meeting and working space. The work also significantly improved the building’s accessibility.

Who was Percy Gee?

The building is named after H. Percy Gee (1874-1962), a director of the local shoe firm Stead and Simpson, who was an early benefactor and promoter of the University.
Our proposals

We are developing proposals to extend and enhance the East Wing of the Percy Gee Building.

Our proposals seek to complete the modernisation of the building and deliver an extension to match the quality of the rest of the building and the new Fielding Johnson Square.

We are proposing to increase and improve the facilities on offer, while better connecting Percy Gee to other buildings on campus. The extension seeks to continue our improvements to the student experience by:

- Creating high quality catering facilities to serve our diverse campus.
- Creating flexible spaces to meet the needs of our students.

What do the proposals involve?

Our proposals include plans for:

- A brand new spacious food court.
- A new façade and entrance to the East Wing of the building that improves accessibility and connects to Fielding Johnson Square.
- Doubling the amount of social learning space.
- A new informatics lab for students.
What do our proposals seek to achieve?

We are proposing to complete the modernisation of the Percy Gee Building and better connect it with Fielding Johnson Square.

The Percy Gee Building is a vibrant space at the heart of our university. The building will remain the home of our Students’ Union, with additional and improved facilities encouraging more of our students and staff to use the building for academic and social purposes.

The development will also help to pave the way for more projects within our emerging estates development plan.
Next steps

Thank you for attending today’s exhibition. We value local knowledge and opinion in the development of our proposals.

We will continue to refine our proposals ahead of submitting a planning application. During this time, we will consider all of the feedback that we have received and incorporate your comments where possible.

We greatly appreciate your feedback and ask that you submit it by Friday 28 July 2017.

Find out more and have your say

There are a number of ways you can provide your feedback and find out more about our proposals for the Percy Gee Building:

- Discuss our proposals with the team here today
- Complete a feedback form
- Call us on 08456 026 473
- Email us at info@uolestates.co.uk
- Visit our website at le.ac.uk/campus-development