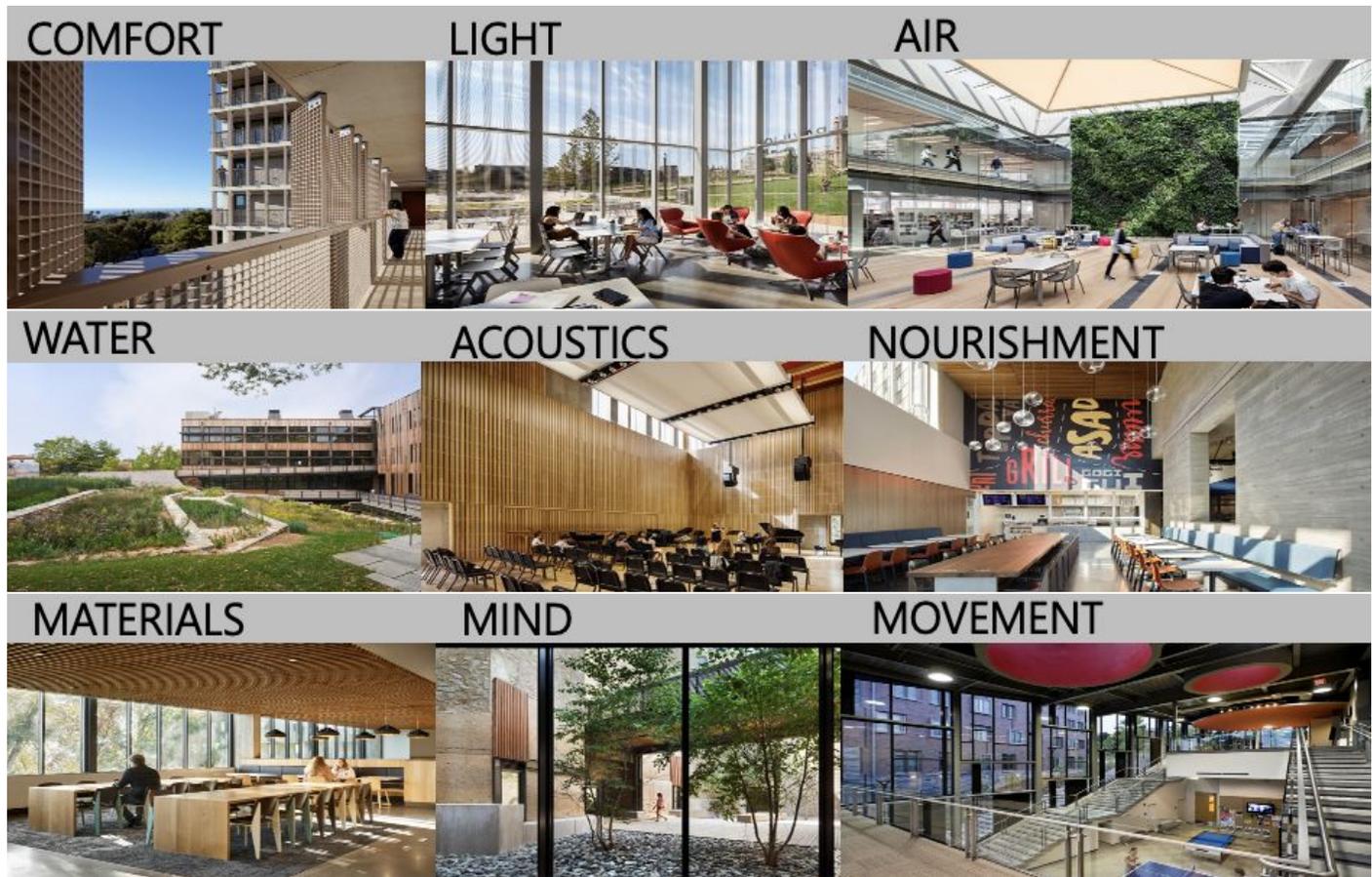
The background image shows the Stratton Student Center, a large, modern, multi-story building with a prominent overhang. In the foreground, there is a large, intricate sculpture of a person's head and shoulders, constructed from a dense network of white letters and symbols. The scene is set outdoors with green trees and a blue sky with light clouds.

Stratton Student Center

A Roadmap for Reimagining W20



Design for Students, Now and Tomorrow



Since the Stratton Student Center became a central part of MIT's campus in 1968, our Community has grown and Student Life has changed significantly. Now, as the needs of today's students continue to evolve, the Student Center must evolve as well.

The targeted renewal of the Student Center will improve design coherence throughout the building, update infrastructure, and enhance student spaces to accommodate a range of uses and provide a more welcoming environment for all.

The Heart of Campus, Nexus of Student Life

- **10,000** transactions daily and **6,900** events per year
- **Vision** – Make W20 more conducive to student needs, now and in the future, with renovated spaces for performing arts, group activities, and community building
- **Aesthetics** – Create welcoming first impressions inside and outside
- **Infrastructure** – Extend the building's useful life with upgrades to lighting, bathrooms, fixtures, and HVAC



Key Initiatives and Goals

FIRST FLOOR

Create a welcoming first impression representative of and accessible to all MIT Community members. Improve the First Floor experience and direct visitors to spaces and services available in W20.

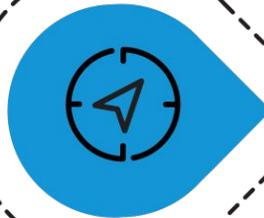
FOOD CULTURE

Provide dining options that are healthy, affordable, and varied. Accommodate diverse food offerings, encourage dining-in, and emphasize food as a basis for community and cultural expression.

MIND



PURPOSE



BODY



RELATIONSHIPS



STUDENT COMMUNITY

Reimagine the Fourth Floor as a vibrant community hub. Modify the floor layout to enable students easy access to extracurricular resources to improve visibility and build community.

LOUNGE NETWORK

Provide a series of interconnected lounge spaces throughout the building to encourage informal gathering, meeting, exploration, and collaboration.

Renewing the Fourth Floor

A critical area of renewal is the Fourth Floor, already a vibrant hub for many student-led organizations. The floor will be improved to provide rooms for dance and movement activities, along with other flexible spaces for student group meetings and community gatherings. The enhancements will solidify the place of artistic performance as a central aspect of many MIT students' experiences, while increasing visibility of extracurricular activities and helping students build community.

The rooms are for general use with no furniture or fixtures, allowing student groups to tailor each space to their needs.



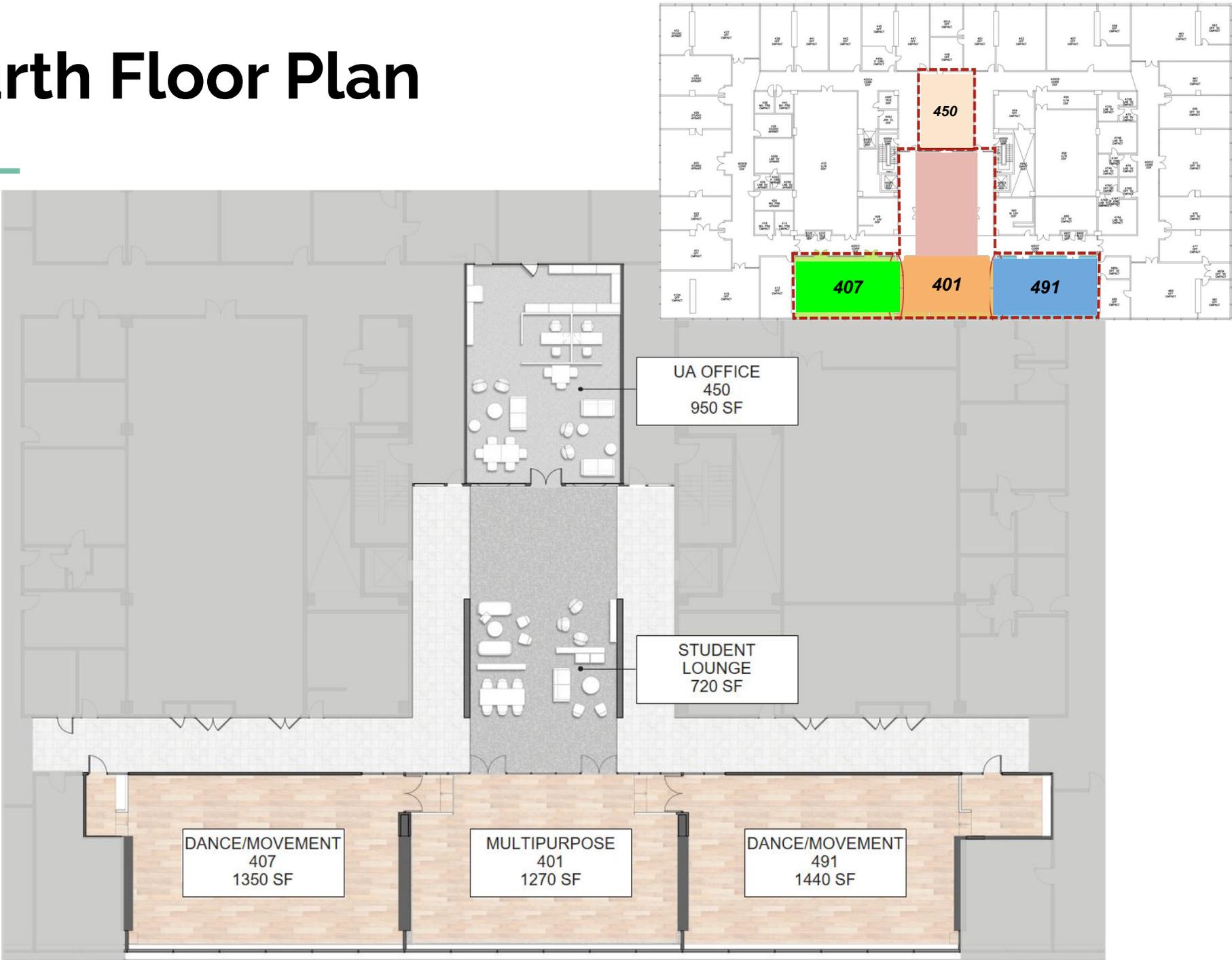
Dance and Movement

Students will make better use of multiple reconfigured spaces with the following enhancements:

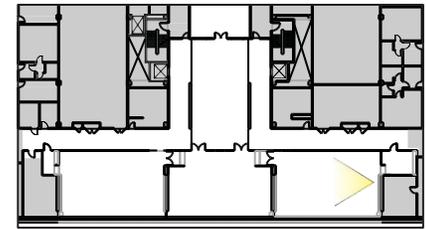
- Two dance/movement spaces with sprung hardwood floors, new lighting, and acoustics for music.
- Benches outside the rooms for changing into dance shoes and lockers for storage of personal belongings.
- A lounge replacing the current lobby.
- A flexible, multiuse, center space that can link the two dance/movement spaces for larger events and activities.
- More natural light and views of the outdoors to make deep interior spaces more welcoming.



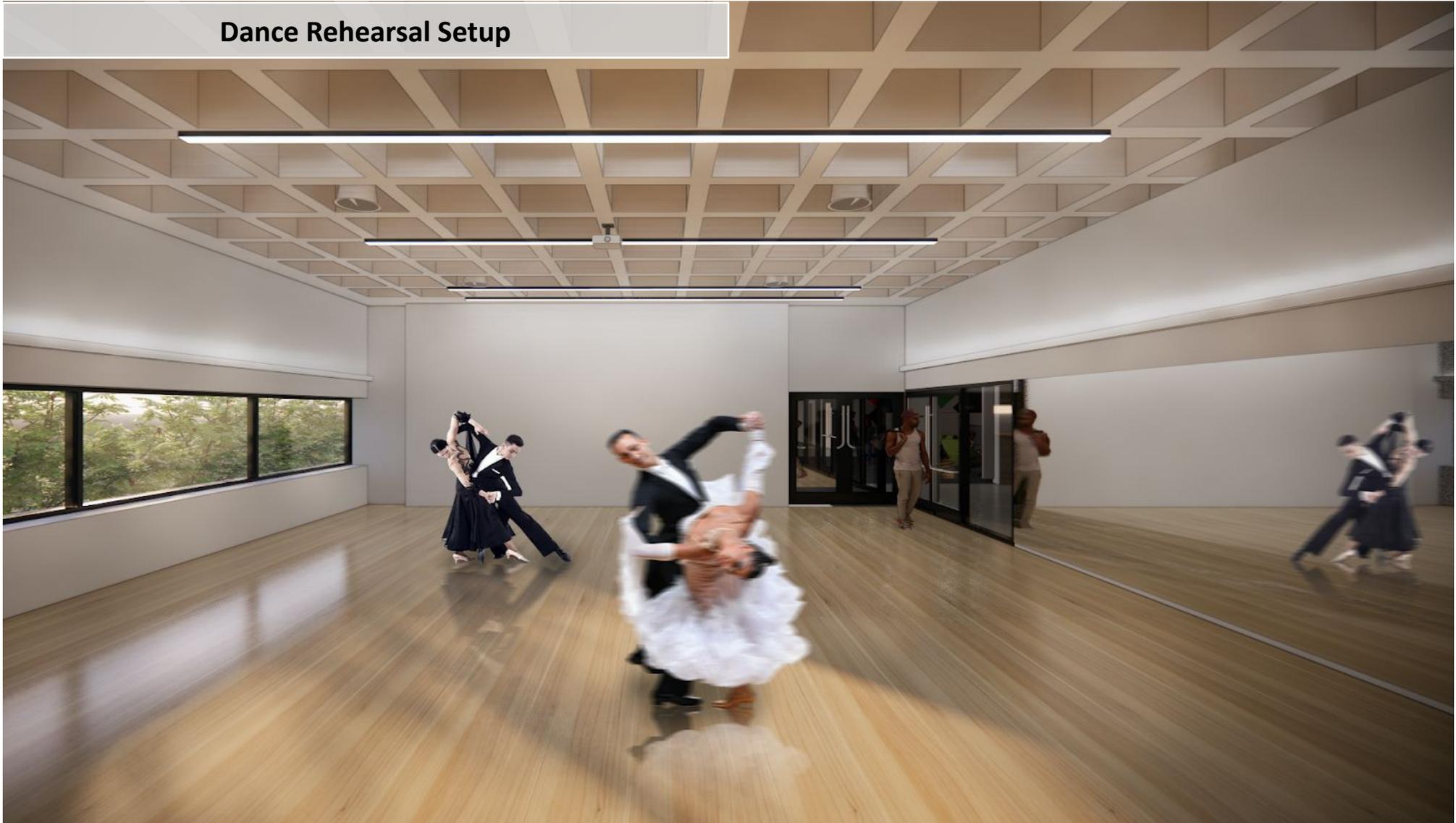
Fourth Floor Plan



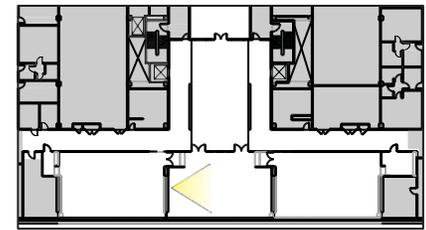
Dance/Movement Spaces (W20-491 and W20-407)



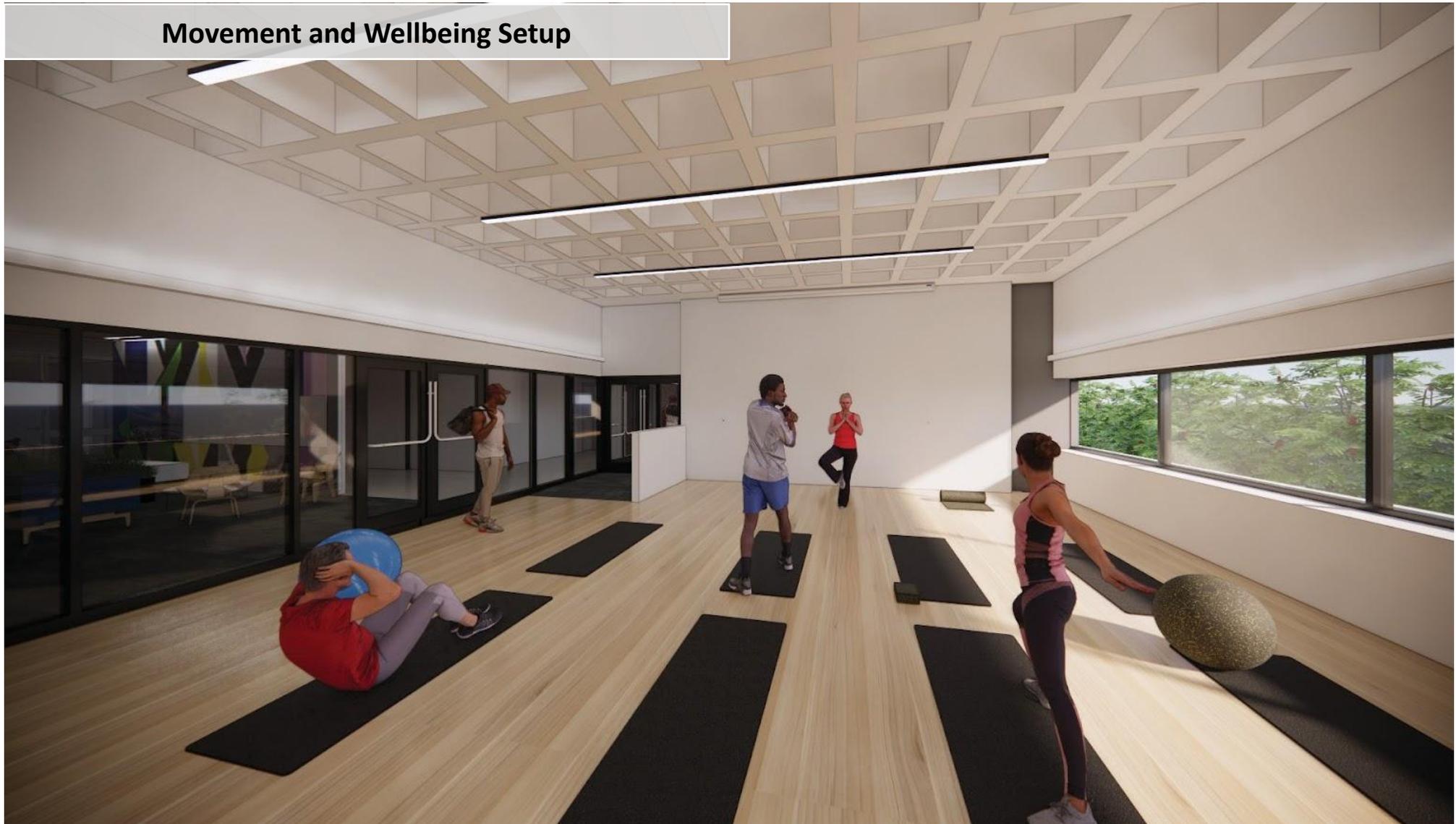
Dance Rehearsal Setup



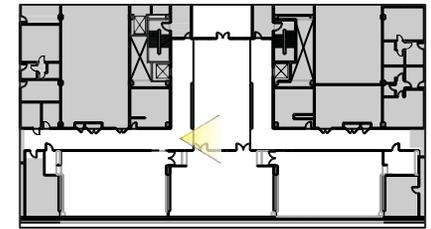
Multipurpose Space (W20-401)



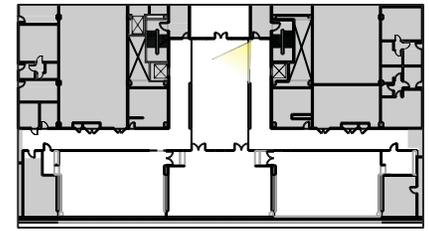
Movement and Wellbeing Setup



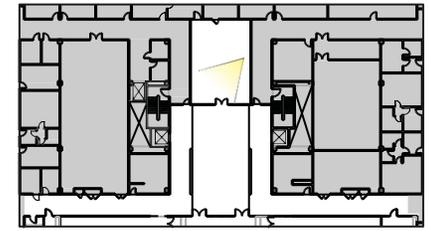
Corridor View



Student Lounge



Undergraduate Association Office



Project Fundraising Goals

Wellbeing Initiative (Fundraising Goal: \$15M)

\$15M fundraising goal for space improvements:

- \$11.682M in gifts committed
- \$3.318M needed to reach the goal!

\$10-15M in Capital Plan for Student Life funding to support infrastructure improvements

Fourth Floor Renovation (Fundraising Goal: \$3M)

Full philanthropic support will enable MIT to move the Fourth Floor project into construction in Spring 2022:

- \$1.153M in gifts committed
- \$1.847M needed to reach the goal!



Renewed W20: The Future of MIT Student Life

