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Time to complete

1. Date of this semester progress report submission *

December 6, 2024

2. Name of project exactly as it was listed in your award letter *

Wymer Hall

3. Date of original award letter *

May 5, 2023 (also December 4, 2023; May 28, 2024; November 21, 2024)

4. Date of expiration listed on award letter (or on scope change approval if more recent) *

November 21, 2026 (2-years)

5. Date of forecasted project completion *

Substantial Completion January 20, 2025; Auditorium completion February 28, 2025; Terrace, landscaping, site work May 2025

6. Have you submitted one or more semester progress reports previously? *

☒ YES☐ NO

7. Describe, in detail, what has been completed on the project since the last semester progress report (or since the project commenced if you have not yet submitted a semester progress report)? *

The geothermal well field area, supported by SSC funds, is complete. The military axis was reseeded late summer/early fall. Contractors continue to utilize some of this space for staging, parking, jobsite trailers, etc. Full restoration will occur when the team demobilizes in early 2025.

8. Describe, in detail, the project's challenges/obstacles since your last semester progress report (or since the project commenced if you have not yet submitted a semester progress report)? *

Since mobilization on May 8, 2023 the baseline construction schedule has slipped. Contractors issued a recovery schedule in June 2024. The development team continues to meet with the construction team to create a path forward to meet a substantial completion date as close to the original date as possible. There are 2 major challenges that the project team is actively working with campus to address. The first is the delivery of the permanent emergency generator and the second is the re-inspection of the fire alarm system. In addition, the construction team continues to focus on the progress of the electrical scope of work. Many of the trades are working 10-hour days, seven days a week.


9. Describe, in detail, the project's successes since your last semester progress report (or since the project commenced if you have not yet submitted a semester progress report)? *

Our previous report noted the Project team was utilizing Wymer Hall as the inspiration to revisit the sustainability goals of the college. Over the last year, starting in December 2023, Gies held monthly meetings with F&S to discuss a path to net zero for the college. In June 2024 Gies and F&S executed an MOU for the purchase of solar RECs to secure this goal. Wymer Hall has been the anchor in this effort, and the SSC has played a pivotal role by supporting Wymer's sustainability. Gies College of Business has updated the webpage on the public site devoted to Wymer Hall. Here is the webpage: <https://giesbusiness.illinois.edu/wymerhall> where you will see the SSC credit. Gies MarCom has been actively advertising construction progress of the building using several social media platforms. Links to various posts have been provided in the Excel Budget and Timeline report under the Publicity and Communication section.

10. Complete and upload the semester financial documentation for your project. You should reflect all expenditures since your last semester project report. We strongly suggest that you also upload supporting financial documentation from Banner for your award CFOP. NOTE: When your project is completed and/or expired (whichever comes first), any remaining project funds will be transferred back to the SSC.


<https://studentengagement.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2024-09/SSC-Budget-Timeline-SEMESTER-PROGRESS-REPORT-template.xlsx>

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11. Upload project marketing and/or media not previously submitted in semester progress reports. *

NOTE: Project marketing and/or media must include SSC's logo and/or a statement of which fee funded the project.

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