



The New Otter Student Union at CSUMB

The Otter Student Union is the heartbeat of campus and a bridge to surrounding communities, providing spaces, opportunities, and advocacy that cultivate belonging reflective of CSUMB's founding vision.

How big is the new OSU building?

Our new building is 70,000 sq ft.

How many rooms are there?

The new OSU building has three levels that include the OSU Ballroom, five office spaces, six conference rooms, a meditation room, a nursing room, a meeting room, game room, the Campus Store, two dining options, and numerous lounge areas throughout the facility.

What sort of materials were used and is the building LEED certified?

Our new facility is LEED certified and prioritizes energy efficiency through innovations including insulated glass, solar power, natural light detectors, native and drought resistant landscaping, a CALSENSE irrigation system, alternative transportation, low flow toilets, and refillable water bottle stations.

Who occupies space in the building?

The Otter Student Union, Otter Cross Cultural Center, First Year Experience,

Associated Students, Student Engagement and Leadership Development, Starbucks, Otter Kitchens, and the Campus Store call the new building home.

What spaces can be rented?

The OSU Ballroom, an impressive 6,000 sq ft space, and six conference rooms, ranging from 400-700 sq ft, are available to rent. Reservations can be made through CampusGroups for student organizations, 25Live for faculty and staff, or through admin@otterstudentunion.org for community members.

What technical capabilities are there?

The OSU has industry-standard production equipment including trussing, lighting, sound, and mixing equipment. Our flexible stage can be set up to accommodate a variety of requests. Live streaming services can also be provided for events in our facility or on the larger CSUMB campus. Photography and videography are also available for events in our facility



What about connectivity?

Not only are visitors able to use the free wifi, but all our conference rooms are equipped with digital screens, video projection, and have hybrid capabilities.

What stores and eateries are available?

The Campus Store can be found on the first floor. The second floor has Starbucks, The Sea Store, Sono, Burger 831, and the Ghost Kitchen.

What can be obtained from the Information Desk?

The Information Desk has information regarding the building, CSUMB, and has the keys for the Nursing Room.

What is the room capacity?

The OSU Ballroom has a 1,100 standing capacity and 550 seated.

How much did it cost to build it?

It cost \$55 million to complete construction on the new building.

Who owns and manages the building?

The Otter Student Union owns and operates the facility.

Who was the architect?

Gilbane-HGA was the architect and the project was managed by Ausonio Incorporated.

What are the hours of operation?

The OSU building is open Monday through Friday from 7am to 11pm, and open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 10pm.

Is the new building ADA accessible?

ADA accessible ramps can be found on Inter-Garrison Plaza, all main entrances feature automatic doors operated by button, two elevators can take visitors to each level, and each restroom features handicap accessible stalls.

What are some of the safety features?

Some of the safety features found in the new building include several emergency exits, staircases, and timed locked doors. There are also several Building Emergency Coordinators and OSU Operation Student Staff that have received safety training.

Where can visitors park?

The closest parking can be found at lots 16, 72, and 71.

Where can more information be found and how can the OSU be contacted?

Please visit us online at www.otterstudentunion.org or give us a call at (831) 582-4070 Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm. Feel free to email us at admin@otterstudentunion.org.

