



The Jacobus Management team was assembled to act as consultants to Stevens Institute of Technology. By means of project management tools, the team dedicated itself to determining the best course of action for the problems regarding low student and student organization usage of Jacobus Hall, Stevens' primary student center. The team finally proposed three alternative solutions: A low cost series of minor renovations, a higher cost and more extreme set of renovations and repairs, and a brand new student center. These three alternatives were all suited to fit a wide array of budgets.

#### **Future Research:**

The group feels that it is inherently important that a plan for a larger scale project be set in motion so to meet the demands of the students. The three alternative plans which the group has designed laid the groundwork for future improvements to the student center at Stevens Institute of Technology. Ultimately, the Jacobus Management Team recommends to its clients, both the Office of Student Life and Board of Trustees, that the Stevens administration should choose to complete as large as an improvement as physically and economically as possible.

The team, having completed a second iteration of all associated costs and benefits, was still only able to make mere estimates of each construction alternative. This was by far the most important aspect of the project when discussions arose between the team and its clients, and more precise numbers could very well impact proposal acceptance. It would be advantageous if future research into more specific construction techniques and materials were performed.

Another area of future research could possibly be to survey potential students. This would show the school's administration more of what incoming students would like to see in a student center. This type of research could be appealing to administration since the more students they can attract to the school the more revenues can be generated. Lastly, a meeting with representatives from all involved parties would be beneficial in order to insure the continuation of the project.