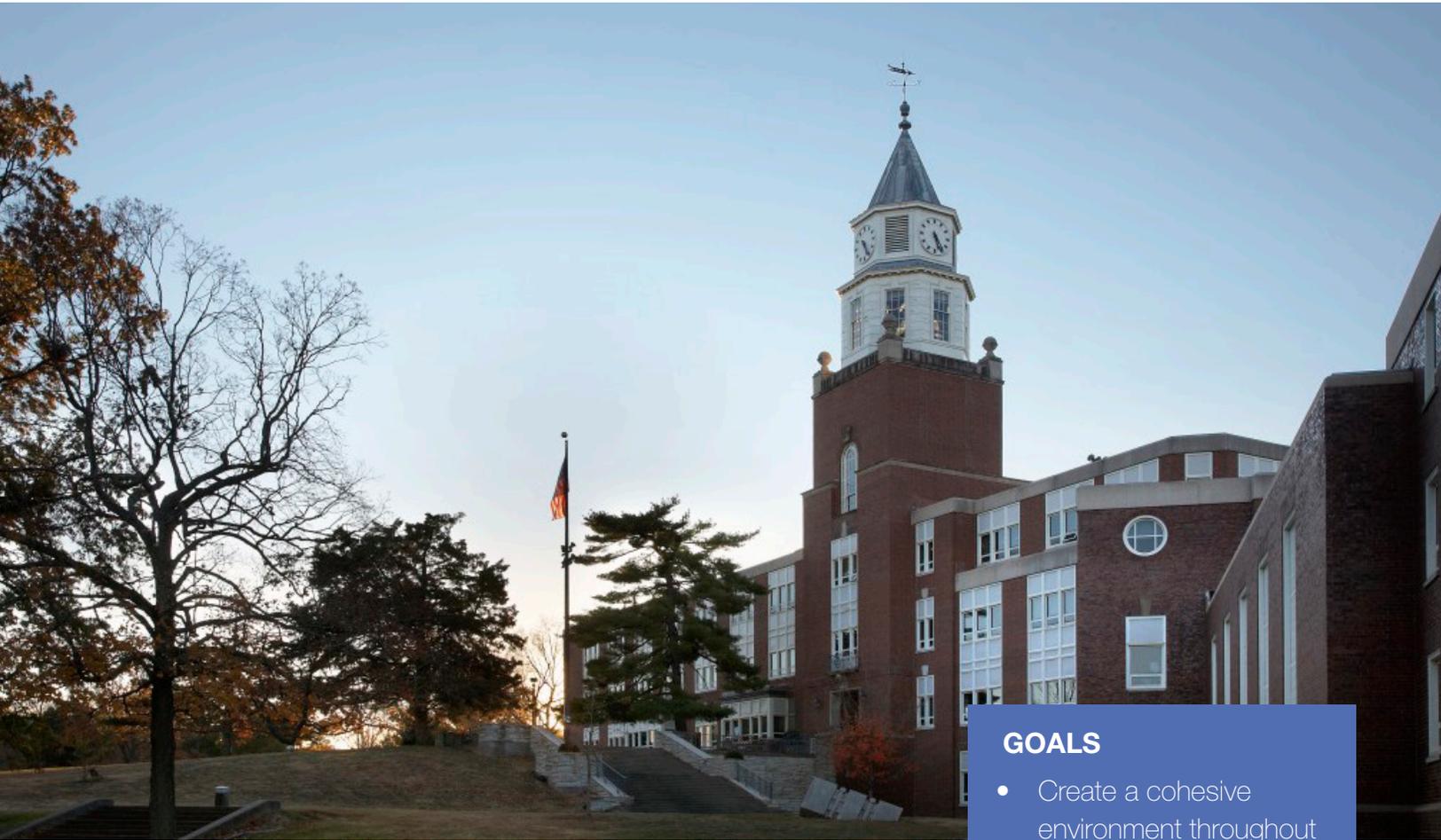
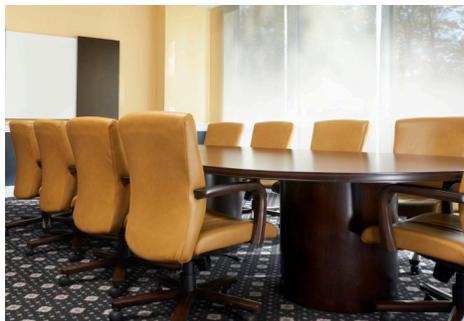


Southern Illinois University



The Salukis from Southern Illinois University (SIU), Carbondale, needed furnishings for the new Boydston Athletic Center and the renovated Morris Library. They wanted solutions that would blend well between private offices, reception areas, student workstations, formal and casual meeting spaces. The products needed to represent the professional identity and style of each building, yet offer durability to service staff and students' needs for many years.



GOALS

- Create a cohesive environment throughout the campus
- Choose products that will represent the identity and style of each building

STRATEGIES

- Identify flexible and customizable solutions
- Keep consistent with existing furniture and buildings
- Create an impressive aesthetic

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The university partnered with local furniture dealer, Stiles Office Solutions, to identify flexible and customizable solutions that met the changing and growing demands of student and faculty life on campus. When searching for products, SIU needed to stay consistent with the current look of the buildings and existing furniture. SIU needed their furniture to be harmonious with the overall campus feel and needed something that possessed the breadth of line to outfit all of their spaces.

They needed furniture that would occupy office spaces, open plan, conference and more, and would last for years to come while upholding the needs of both students and the service staff. The athletic department sought furnishings that represented the same high-standard, professional product presented by their student-athletes and coaches. SIU wanted an aesthetic that would impress student athletes and new recruits.

Kimball was able to outfit various areas with solutions that followed SIU's design standards. This was possible due to Kimball's sizable furniture portfolio and the many available options. Finding applicable furniture options in the appropriate aesthetic was easy. Because all Kimball products are certified by BIFMA level 2 or 3, there was no doubt that the products were durable and maintainable. Jason King, Senior Associate Athletic Director at SIU, affirmed, "I would recommend the product to anybody. Kimball did a wonderful job of being able to customize a lot of the products which was extremely important to us. We look for this to be an important recruiting tool for us into the future."



"Because our offices have different uses and purposes, we wanted furniture that we could mix and match depending upon what was being done in that particular office. The flexibility between lines was key. The furniture definitely has created greater efficiency in the offices."

- Susan Tulis, Associate Dean, Morris Library, SIU

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