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*Note: **Bold text** denotes a reoccurring comment*

Strengths

- Urban and compact
- Recent renovations
- Adaption of standards
- Improvements to buildings from an accessibility perspective
- Working with registrar to adjust spaces in historic buildings, like the Cathedral
- Large open labs
- Panther Central
- Space that doesn't feel owned by one school/dept. (e.g. University Club)

Weaknesses/Disadvantages

- Office space a premium
- Need more student space for undergraduates (maker space)
- Not enough student organization offices + student study areas

Opportunities

- Renovations for more natural light
- Glass walls
- Use basements for storage
- More accessibility of offices to students
- Digitizing faculty records – will free up space in basement of Cathedral
- Teleworking
- Grad student spaces w/conference rooms
- File storage converted to staff offices (incentive to get rid of paper)
- More open/shared spaces for more informal meetings
- Refinement of space standards

Threats/Challenges

- Space for international students in engineering (e.g. Sichuan Univ.)
- Research admin split from researchers
- Mix of people who still want paper storage and those who don't
- Lack of communication between Provost's office + schools of who is keeping paper files
- Separation of process/technologies between SOM + UPMC

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