

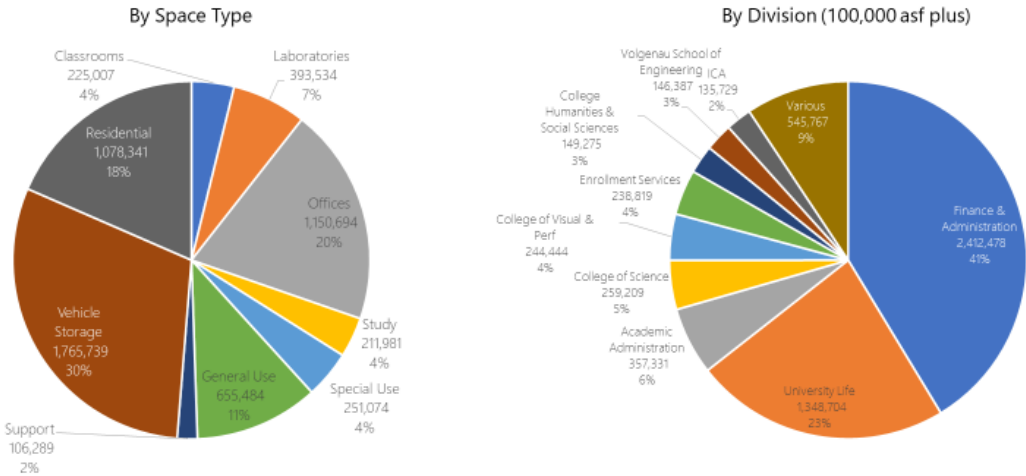
# Master Plan Town Hall 1 Clarification

Facilities & Administrative Space by Division

## Introduction

This clarification is in response to a comment posted to the Master Planning website portal regarding slide 7 from Town Hall 1, shown below.

**Space Utilization** Assignable Square Footage  
Fairfax, Arlington, and Science & Technology Campus Total: 5.8 mil ASF



## Comment Submitted

Regarding the Master Plan being prepared. The consulting company has put together 4 preliminary scenarios, which break existing academic units apart. The data collected by the consulting company shows that 70% of the assignable square footage of Mason (all campuses) is used by Finance & Administration (41%), University Life (23%), Academic Administration (6%). So, I suggest that we leave academic units where they are and give them growth space and move portions (if not all) of finances & administration to Arlington or SciTech.

The interaction between academic units and F&A can be mostly carried out virtually (for example, I never had to walk to OSP to submit a proposal in my 29 years at Mason). On the other hand, academic units need to be close to each other to forge research and curriculum development collaborations.

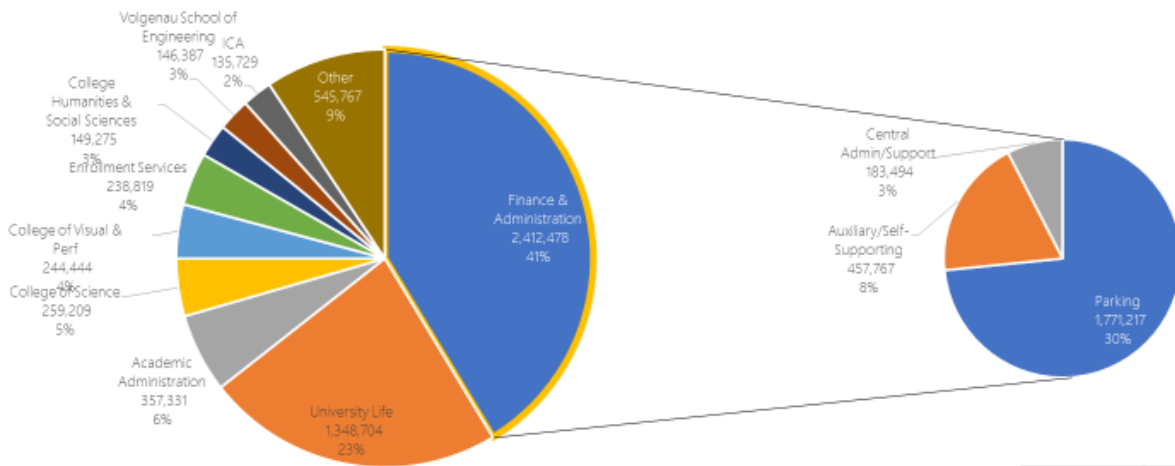
## Response from Dumont Janks

Most public research universities closely track what kinds of space they have available and to whom that space is currently assigned. Many spaces, however, are university-wide resources, and do not have a readily identifiable owner. It is a very common practice to assign these kinds of spaces to the university's Finance and Administration (or equivalent) unit. That is the case at Mason. The seemingly high quantity of Finance and Administration space mostly consists of shared university resources like structured parking (this is about three quarters of the assigned space!) and auxiliary services like dining, retail,

vending, bookstores, etc. Only about 6% of this space represents administrative and support office spaces, and while potential moves using this administrative space can and are being considered, they are unlikely to be a determining factor. While the exploration of possible development scenarios is in its infancy, a common goal across all scenarios is to improve academic adjacencies and promote research and curriculum-development collaborations; fortunately, there are no substantive development constraints that would force Mason to relocate academic units if the move did not provide collaborative and other benefits.

### Space Utilization Finance & Administration Assignable Square Footage

Fairfax, Arlington, and SciTech Total: 2.4 mil ASF



	ASF	%
Parking	1,771,217	30%
Auxiliary/Self-Supporting	457,767	8%
Central Admin/Support	183,494	3%

### Space Utilization Finance & Administration Assignable Square Footage by Type

Fairfax, Arlington, and SciTech Total: 2.4 mil ASF

