The following are pictures from the week ending in 9.3.21 in regards to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Center (DEI)/Student Government Room Renovations Project. This project is progressing quite well as the major demolition portion is basically complete. The new window and door openings in the north and east walls are also complete. The new structural steel support lintels have been installed, and now the new masonry needed to complete the opening for the window frames can be toothed in. Pretty much from here on out the project will switch over to new construction. Right now the project is on track to be completed on time, however with the construction industry wide shortage on building materials delivery dates for supplies fluctuating so much due to COVID the schedule may have to be adjusted accordingly.

The top-left and right photos show the new rough masonry openings in the north walls of the new DEI Center and Student Government Rooms. In addition to the new openings being completed the contractors also received their new steel lintels which will help support the remainder of the existing wall above.

The bottom-left photo was taken earlier in the week and features one of the masons using some existing brick to fill in a portion of the old door opening where the old storage room used to be along the southeast corridor. This area was also opened up to help include a new window to allow even more natural light into the DEI Center.

The bottom-right photo was taken later in the week and shows the new brick in place. Soon the contractors will install the new cmu on the back side and prep the remainder of the opening to receive the window frame system. The new window frames are still a few weeks out from being delivered because of delays associated from the backlog created by the COVID pandemic.