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Kripper Studio engaged by Boston University on three design projects

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Boston University's Charles River Campus - Photo Credit: Bob O'Connor for Boston University Photography.

Boston, MA Kripper Studio has been engaged by Boston University on three design improvement projects across different departments on the Charles River Campus location. The projects range from converting the use of spaces to upgrading technology to re-configuring interiors and include offices, a screening room and student residences. The three initial projects are:

- 640 Commonwealth Ave. - Boston University's College of Communication screening room: Located in a building constructed in 1912, the main screening room was last renovated in 1988. The screening room's capabilities will be enhanced, the overall comfort and aesthetics improved and ADA requirements met. Scope of work includes all ceiling tiles, sub-structure, carpeting, wall finishes, lighting, and seating to be removed and replaced with new elements. The existing podium and staging will be removed and replaced with a new movable podium for increased programming flexibility when using the room. Similarly, new lighting throughout will enable a more flexible approach based on programming. Sustainably, all existing AV and sound equipment to be preserved and protected. All existing doors to remain and be primed and painted. Start date on construction will soon be determined.

- 665 Commonwealth Ave. - Boston University's Department of Computer Science: Focusing on floors 13, 14, 15 and 16 in a building that was completed in 2022, Kripper Studio will convert previously open-meeting spaces into purposely-configured workspaces. This effort represents the first re-adaption of some of the floors reflecting a changing need and the assessment of existing facilities. Start date on construction will soon be determined.

- 113 Bay State Rd.: Located in a brownstone originally constructed in 1905 and previously housing six separate student residences across three floors, Kripper Studio will begin with the upper two floors to renovate into two separate, entire floor residences. The upper floors are currently vacant and work is to begin this summer. Anticipated completion is this fall.

Each project aligns with Boston University and Kripper Studio's shared interest in upgrading existing structures and interiors for current needs.

Within hundred-year-old buildings and newly constructed buildings, the realignment of needs with existing real estate can be accomplished with strategic and thoughtful accuracy. The intended improvements to classrooms, residences and offices will benefit students and faculty.

"The opportunity to support Boston University as it assesses current needs and existing facilities is also an opportunity to anticipate future needs," said Amir Kripper, founding principal of Kripper Studio. "We share an understanding that to work with existing structures is to recognize the value of what has already been created and to now springboard to what can efficiently be added for future uses."

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