

# Tulane University Commons

Tulane University's Commons project, a celebrated 77,000 square-foot space in the heart of the University's Uptown campus, required furniture that could seamlessly complement the building's architecture, while also providing unique design interest. Built in 2019 as a gathering space for students to study and meet in groups, the Commons features a state-of-the-art dining facility in addition to housing the Newcomb Institute. Knoll Dealer AOS Interior Environments partnered with Tulane as a design assistant subcontractor in tandem with interior design studio Farouki Farouki.


## Scandinavian Perspective

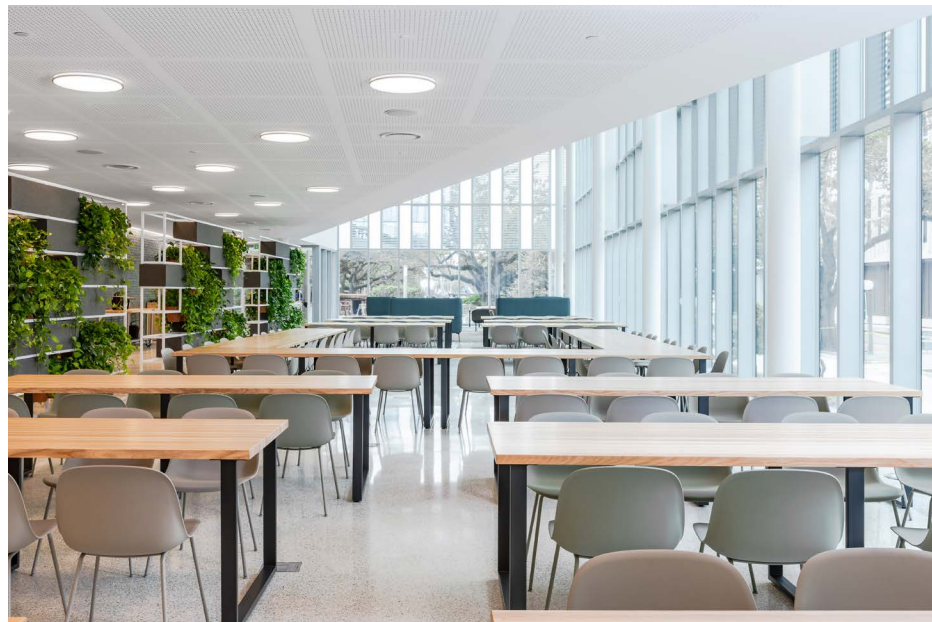
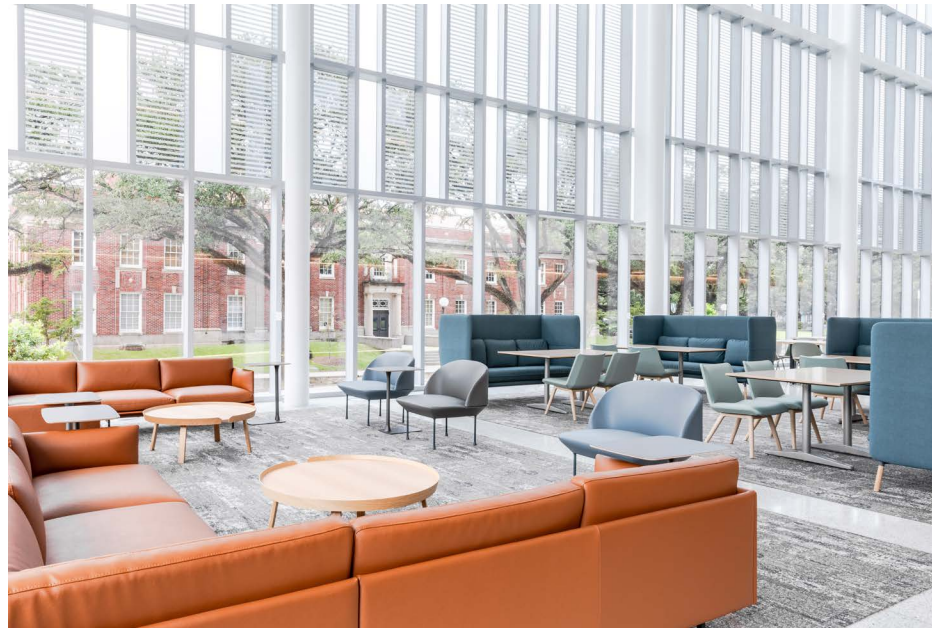
AOS and Farouki Farouki leveraged the Knoll constellation of brands as well as the opportunity to introduce the Muuto Scandinavian design perspective to the



Commons project. In addition, the design team recognized the need for a variety of seating options for the space. Muuto seating—over 1,100 chairs—provides a consistent design aesthetic for the range of student life, academic and research applications.

The ground floor atrium, furnished with a combination of Reff Profiles Sliding Tables and Muuto Loft Chairs, offers informal meeting or study spaces. Just off the atrium, a more enclosed heads-down focused workspace is furnished with grey Muuto Fiber Side Chairs paired with tables.

Further into the building, a lounge area offers a range of soft seating options from spacious Muuto Outline Corner Sofas in Cognac Refine Leather to Oslo Lounge Chairs in light grey and blue leather. In addition, Muuto Around Coffee Tables and Relate Side Tables allow students to easily access their computers. 



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## Project Overview

**Sector:** Education

**Completed:** 2019

**Location:** New Orleans, LA

**Team:** AOS Interior Environments, Farouki Farouki

### Scope

- + 77,000 sq. ft.
- + 2 floors
- + Multiple Dining Areas
- + Lounges

### Knoll Products

- + **Systems:** Template®, Antenna Workspaces®
- + **Task & Side Seating:** Muuto Cover Chair; Muuto Fiber Armchair Tube Base; Muuto Fiber Armchair Wood Base; Muuto Fiber Side Chair Tube Base; Muuto Fiber Barstool Tube Base; Muuto Loft Chair; Muuto Loft Bar Stool
- + **Lounge Seating:** Muuto Oslo Lounge Chair; Muuto Outline Corner Sofa, Muuto Visu Chair Tube Base; Muuto Outline Chair
- + **Storage:** Rockwell Unscripted® Credenza,
- + **Tables:** Antenna® Standing Height Tables; Muuto Around Coffee Table; Muuto Relate Side Tables; Reff Profiles™ Sliding Tables

### Drivers

- + Create a multi-purpose space that encourages student life, academics, and research
- + Improve student dining facilities

### Tactics

- + Build welcoming areas for dining, studying and collaboration
- + Leverage Muuto lounge and side seating to create a cohesive design throughout the building

### Outcomes

- + A range of student spaces ranging from quiet, focused rooms to informal meeting tables