

Space Minutes January 8, 2015

Attendees: Sheryl Dorney, Sharon Goodman, Susan Opprecht, Abby Kelso, David McAvity, Steve Trotter, Matt Newman, Jeanne Rynne

Recorder: Bianca Janssen-Timmen

The meeting minutes from the December 4, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

Introductions

CRC Modernization Project

Matt gave an update on the CRC Modernization Project.

The project is close to being voted by the students on, to decide if the project will be approved or not. If the project is approved it would mean that the CRC will be under construction for about two years from about June 2016 to June 2018.

Tea Ceremony Space Final Location

Working with Tomoko and Michelle Pope, it was determined that the Tea Ceremony Group can use the Sem II, E4105 space for their meetings and events for the rest of this school year.

Psychology Lab Final Location

Talking to Laura Citrin, she will make sure to not use peanuts or any peanut products for her research. David referred Laura to Susan Opprecht regarding the student lunch room on the Sem1, 3rd floor, which he never used before and we've discussed in the past as a possible Psychology Lab. Susan talked to Meredith and she said she would talk to the student to see, if he needs this space. If so, she and Susan will try to find another space for him.

Faculty/Staff Lounge Status

Follow up: Sharon Goodman and Jeanne Rynne brought up this topic at the UCCM and FAD meeting and found out that a discussion about any changes of this space would have greater implications and Sharon said she doesn't feel like investing the effort and the time to address these implications effectively. She also feels that at this point it would be more effective for the Union to hear from the students directly of their needs and concerns. She suggested passing this issue maybe on to Tom Mercado and Student Activities.

The Space Management agreed with Sharon and reiterated that the Faculty/Staff Lounge doesn't have to be in the CAB building, so the group suggested that if in the future any suitable space would become available, we would revisit this topic again.

In the meantime, David suggested for the Faculty/Staff Lounge group to appoint a representative, who could possibly assign or authorize student requests for usage in the meantime to address the underutilization and at least partially the needs of the students, since it is a designated space and NOT a space that belonged to Faculty/Staff.

Governor's Budget Update

Jeanne gave an update on the Space Management Minor Works section of the Governor's Budget.

She passed out a handout and explained that Evergreen's \$1.2 million Minor Works budget request was considered vs. the past years when Minor works was not even deliberated. Jeanne looked at the Minor Works list again and she figured out, that if we get this money awarded we can cover all of our top priorities (colored red and blue on the list).

Jeanne will bring this list back to the committee once the budget is finalized and together the group can decide which of the priorities to address for sure.

One of the items on the list was the Lecture Hall surge and David brought up that we should start planning for it as soon as possible, because no matter if we receive funding for minor works or not, the surge has to happen. Jeanne asked David, Sheryl, and Susan to begin the planning process ASAP.

Other Items

Steve Trotter brought up the question, what is the purpose of the Space Management Committee?

He believes that the official charge for the Space Management Committee is to focus on campus-wide space management concerns and not on day-to-day space scheduling issues. He indicated that the charge of the space management group is to look at what the bigger space management picture is for the long-term support for the college. He also acknowledged that many of the lower level space scheduling type of concerns needed to be addressed. But he argued that this important but lower level work not dominate the work of the space management group.

He also raised the concern that without having a group such as the space management committee overseeing that 'big picture', there is great risk that of not actually achieving that vision if each independent steering committee during each of individual building renovation projects are allowed to continue to make independent decisions without the benefit of oversight from a group like the space management group that focuses on the larger campus concerns instead of focusing only on direct occupant interests.

Jeanne, Steve and the space management committee agreed that this should be the time to review the capital project and master planning governance structures given the concerns expressed. Jeanne wondered if combining the Space Management and the Campus Land Use committees could be a way to begin to re-build a stronger planning and advisory oversight functionality.

The group agreed to review the written charge of these two groups at the next meeting and that we would take better efforts to manage the Space Management Committee meetings in a way that would accomplish both the big picture planning as well as accommodating the lower level space management/scheduling concerns until the examination of governance roles and expectations is complete and John Hurly has accepted new governance models.

The meeting ended at 2:10pm

The next meeting will be February 5, 2015