

Space Minutes February 2, 2012 1:05pm

Attendees: Amy Lyn Ribera, Steve Trotter, Sharon Goodman, Patti Zimmerman, Sheryl Dorney, Ken Tabbutt, Wendy Endress,

Guests: Raquel Salinas, Norma Alicia Pino, Paul Gallegos

Recorder: Bianca Janssen-Timmen

Introductions and Approval of Minutes:

Minutes were approved.

## **Introductions**

**Request for Meditation Center** presented by Wendy Endress

Student Affairs, Wendy, Raquel and Norma Alicia, is back with exactly the same request for Meditation Center space as two years ago. They had been given space in SEM I - 4<sup>th</sup> floor but were unable to coordinate their resources. The need for a room has remained or increased since the original request. First People's Advising is willing to take on the stewardship for this project and their staff would manage it as a pilot project.

A space the size of an office would be sufficient, similar to SEM I - 4<sup>th</sup> floor. The group discussed the possibility of being reassigned the SEM I - 4<sup>th</sup> floor office but also considered the former storage space in the Library basement as an alternative. During the discussion there were some safety concerns expressed about the basement space.

Another desired room requisite would be a central location, so students can easily access it during their class breaks, that it be somewhat quiet, lockable and that it be safe and carpeted. It would not matter in which direction the windows face, any room on campus would work in terms of prayer direction.

As for furniture they would like to keep it simple and wait to see what the students want/need.

Steve asked if this space would be a temporary or permanent solution and Wendy replied that she would eventually like to see a permanent space if people use it.

Ken mentioned that Daryl Morgan and his group of students intend to propose a Teahouse on Campus, which would have a similar purpose; a place to meditate. This might be another possibility but the location might not be ideal.

The group decided to organize a walk through with Raquel, Norma Alicia and Patti, to look at the current two options but Patti said she might be able to come up with some additional options. Eventually they would like to consult with the future users and inquire about their preference for the different spaces.

*Recommendation:* The space proposal is accepted but the exact location will be determined after the walk through.

*Update:* Directly following the meeting, Patti met with Kirk to discuss the basement storage area option as a possible Meditation Space. Kirk disclosed some concerns about the safety and remoteness of the basement option. Further, he revealed that the room is

fully occupied with Comm bldg. furnishings and would not be available until after the surge is completed at the end of Comm renovations. Patti notified the committee and the requestors of the space via e-mail. A showing of the Seminar I 4<sup>th</sup> floor offices to Norma Alicia and Raquel is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00.

**Fiber Art Classroom for the Fall/Winter quarter 2012/2013** presented by Ken Tabbutt

This class is usually offered in a studio on the second floor in the LAB II by Gail Tremblay. However, with the Comm building under renovation, this studio is being used as the design studio. The space would have to be a dedicated space because the weaving looms would have to stay in one location. Also, Gail has some specific space requirements. She does not like to be on a floor with only elevator access. Kirk suggested the vacated copy room in the library basement which would have ground level access. Ken is bringing this up now, so that Michelle Pope can look at the room to ensure that it meets the programmatic requirements and is available. Another idea came up during the discussion; the surge spaces in SEM II on the second floor. Patti was not in favor of this idea and indicated that this would be problematic since the class might use dyes, which are not permitted in these spaces.

After the Comm building construction is complete, the weaving studio would go back into the LAB II studio. The other option, if no space is available is to cancel Gail's class for fall/winter 2012/2013 but that would be a last resort.

Next meeting will be on March 1st, 2012 at 1:00pm-3:00pm.

The meeting ended at 1:35pm.