

Space Minutes November 7, 2013

Attendees: Sheryl Dorney, Steve Trotter, David McAvity, Kirk Knittle, Abby Kelso, Matt Newman, Jeanne Rynne

Recorder: Bianca Janssen-Timmen

The meeting minutes from the October 3, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

Library Lobby Furniture Follow Up

John's approval of the Lib Lobby Furniture was different from what the committee's recommendation was. He approved the same amount of furniture on the third floor of the library lobby but not more. When Jeanne talked to John, he explained that he was concerned about an increase of work for the Building Services staff and the wear and tear on the carpet, when a larger number of furniture is moved on a frequent basis.

The committee discussed how the lobby furniture now would be distributed given that the funding is still not confirmed and that the current furniture is borrowed from SEM II. Kirk would recommend, if Wendy will receive funding, to purchase a few more pieces of furniture for the second and none for the third floor and the SEM II furniture would go back to SEM II. If the demand in the Library should increase, we can purchase some more pieces later. If another proposal should be needed in the future, Steve pointed out that it wouldn't be necessary to discuss this topic in detail again, since the committee agreed that an expansion, location, mobility, etc. of the lobby furniture is accepted and would be supported.

Lab II, 2nd Floor Remodel

David brought up a discussion about space distributions in remodeling situations, in this case Lab II, 2nd Floor.

The main users of Lab II argue that the two classrooms in there should be converted into Lab spaces but classroom spaces are needed in general.

Being currently in the programming phase, David would like to talk about

1. what is the process of re-purposing spaces and
2. losing classrooms when remodeling buildings.

When the Master Plan was originally developed it considered 5000 FTEs. But with each renovation the greater vision was compromised by the various Project group's decisions. It was suggested that in the future the greater vision should have a greater place in decision makings and the Space Management Committee should have a greater venue in those decision makings. Jeanne suggested that the Project Manager Team come to the Space Management Committee meetings when they have preliminary plans to get the input of this committee. The committee would become a decision maker but would make recommendations to John Hurley. It was also discussed, that Academics should drive the Facilities not vice versa. For this project, Kirk would like to analyze the Science/Art spaces in order to find out about the greater vision. Both, the science and the art classrooms are very specific and can barely be used as multi-purpose spaces, as planned with many other places here on campus.

The print studio would like to move from the big room in the basement into 3-4 smaller spaces upstairs. On the other hand there is one science faculty who does optics and would like to move into the basement.

Longhouse Storage

With Micah's hiring, he needed an office in the Longhouse and Kirk gave him the 1001A office that Reservation Based Programs used as storage. The Reservation Based Program storage will now move temporarily into 1008A until we find another solution.

The Reservation Based Program estimated that they need about 60 sqft. of storage space but for this immediate issue, Kirk suggested some lockable storage cabinets on movable casters, which can still reside in 1008A; this will solve the problem for right now but the bigger storage question remains and what would Facilities be willing to commit to.

Reservation Based Program has also three additional offices in SEM I, but Cindy is saying that they bring in too many materials for her to carry them in the SEM I spaces.

In the longer run, the Longhouse will be looked at when the Master Plan is being reviewed and updated.

Use of Space on Holidays

The committee had a discussion about closing campus spaces during holidays and campus closures. The group came to the conclusion that decisions will be made on a case by case basis and it will not be advertised that it will be a general option.

CRC Modernization Update

Matt introduced the current considered idea of a mandatory student fee for the modernization, similar to the CAB renovation fee, which would make this project time-wise independent of State funding. He brought it forward in front of the GSU and will present it before the Board of Trustees in the coming week.

The meeting ended at 2:25pm

The next meeting will be December 5, 2013