

Space Minutes October 2, 2014

Attendees: Sheryl Dorney, Sharon Goodman, Susan Opprecht, Abby Kelso, David McAvity, Jeanne Rynne

Recorder: Bianca Janssen-Timmen

The meeting minutes from the April 3, 2014 meeting were approved with a correction to the 4300 kitchen comment.

Introductions

Status of the Faculty-Staff Lounge

Two groups on campus, a student group and a faculty/staff steering committee, are currently discussing the faculty/staff lounge on the first floor in the CAB.

The students are looking for an additional social space to meet but according to the Union contract, the College is to supply a space for staff to take their breaks in and since staff work during most hours, the space should not to be used by anybody else. The Space Management Committee talked the faculty/staff space doesn't have to be in the CAB but staff appreciates this location for its closeness to the Greenery.

The steering committee has also received funds to improve the space in order to make it more attractive and has concerns about sharing the space with students.

Students see this space as underutilized, especially in the evenings and wonder if they might have or share it, since it is in a student funded building.

The committee continued discussing different scenarios and options for the optimal usage or relocation of the faculty/staff lounge. The group determined that night time faculty and staff rarely use the space and potentially it could be shared as a scheduled space.

Before any further discussions, the committee would like know from Laurel Uznanski and Sharon Storer, what the Union's standpoint on that matter is. Sharon will follow up with HR. They would also like to know about the status of this issue, from that steering faculty/staff steering committee.

If the Union says, a shared space isn't appropriate in any way, there is no further discussion needed. For now, the Space Management Committee decided, that they can think about alternate spaces for a faculty/staff lounge.

Jeanne suggested keeping this item on the agenda for the next meeting and it was supported by the other committee members.

Psychology Lab in SEM I, 4th floor

David reported that Judy Cushings is retiring and he will repurpose one of her Computer Lab rooms on the 4th floor in Sem 1.

Campus Infrastructure and Technology Sub-Committee of the Strategic Planning Committee

Jeanne and David are on this sub-committee and they would like to ask the Space Management Committee for their input on this matter. Jeanne passed out a handout that described the goal of

this sub-committee, which is *To develop, maintain, and sustain a built environment that supports teaching, learning, and community. Create flexible social spaces for students and community member to gather.*

The committee started the discussion by talking about multi-purpose spaces and how to maximize usage of spaces; in other words, designing spaces with more intention, such as taking in consideration natural gathering spaces, when designing new spaces.

It continued with a talk about the need for large, flexible event/gathering spaces, such as convocation or concerts, which we currently don't really have. The group mentioned the difficulty and the overly expense of having such events here on campus and that some departments even decide to take their events off campus because it's easier to organize and less expensive.

Faculty and Staff housing was shortly discussed but so far the real need is questionable and the occupants would still have to pay market value for those spaces. Also, we currently have no housing for this purpose on campus, which means those buildings would have to be newly built.

The meeting ended at 1:50pm

The next meeting will be November 6, 2014