

Space Management Committee Meeting Minutes May 5, 2016

Attendees: Tom Mercado, Abby Kelso, Sharon Goodman, Susan Keefe, David McAvity

Guests: Alexander Butler, Randy Kelley

Recorder: Bianca Janssen-Timmen

The April meeting minutes were approved as written.

Single Occupancy Door Sign Change – Alexander Butler

Alexander came to the Space Management to propose changing all restrooms in SEM II to all gender restrooms, while keeping the single occupancy bathrooms for people that do not want/support gender neutral restrooms.

The partitions around the urinals in the current nine male restrooms are a large process and could be done in phases. Alexander would apply for funding at the next S&A board meeting. Other than installing the partitions, only the “All Gender Restroom” signs would be required.

The Space Management Committee is in favor of this project and recommends it to John Hurley for approval with the contingency that Alexander is able to secure funding for the purchase and installation of the partitions and signage.

Veteran’s Center Expansion – Randy Kelley

Randy wanted to introduce the idea of expanding the Veteran’s Center to the Space Management Committee. The Vet Center has been growing constantly since opening and serves now as administration office and lounge. This creates a very busy, loud, and crowded environment, which Randy would like to remedy by adding Library classroom 1005 to the center as quiet lounge. In order to plan anything further, he would like the usage data of 1005, so he can weigh the impact of a remodel would have. Susan said that R-25 is down at the moment but she would get the information to Randy as soon as is functional again.

Randy is aware that taking away another classroom is not ideal but the Vet Center is growing rapidly and they would like to see the lounge close by. They also would be willing to help funding the remodel by securing grants through the Student Veterans of America, which the campus Veterans Student group is about to join, and a grant from the Home Depot.

Discussing the rarity and desirability in the Library, Sharon suggested to Randy, the possibility of having the Veteran Students use the already approved and in works new Helio Lounge in the hallway of the first floor Library, which will be completed by fall quarter. This arrangement would preserve the 1005 classroom, it is near the Vet Center, it would encourage the mingling of veteran and conventional students, and the Veteran Students could pitch in with their grants to make that space more appealing for everybody.

Randy liked this idea and he said he would present it to the Student Veteran organization for consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35pm