



Space Planning Advisory Committee (SPACe)

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

3:00PM-4:30PM

Reese 524

Attendees: Kathryn Horne, Nick Patel, Lee Gray, Michelle Embry, Richard LaLiberté, Jim Hoppa, John Storch, Jay Raja, Phil Jones, Aaron Hart, Kim Whitestone, Chip Yensan, Keith Wassum

Absent: Steve Coppola, Tammie Boyd

I. Space Steering Committee (SSC) – February 6, 2018

- No recommendations will be made at the next SSC meeting.

II. Space Requests Received and Under Review

- CAB Storage – ITS is building more telecommunication closets in SAC, so storage space is needed in CAB for displaced SAC storage items.
- Niner Central is under construction and has requested space for ten student worker spaces.
- Colvard Renovation has been requested.
- SAC 062 Event Room and offices was requested by Nina Simmons. Jim Hoppa has staff currently sharing this space.
- Classroom Storrs 155 – COA+A is requesting the classroom to provide a dedicated classroom for a new master's degree program. The classroom is currently allocated to Classroom Support and is scheduled by the registrar. Jay Raja has agreed to the change in use of this space. Jay Raja moved to approve the change in use of Storrs 155. Keith Wassum seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. The Future of Cone University Center

- In preparation for an updated five-year capital plan, the committee discussed options and strategic direction for a future Cone University Center.
 - Two-thirds of the existing space in cone is used for meeting, event and food service functions.
 - McKnight Hall and Lucas Room are heavily used.
 - A white-paper and study of Cone was completed in 2014. The study identified a renovation cost of \$30M.
 - The 2010 Master Plan proposed a partial demolition, renovation, and new construction of Cone.
 - The building has significant deferred maintenance issues.
 - The exterior appearance of Cone is dated and not aligned with current campus design.

IV. Discussion

- The committee agreed that the Cone Center mission and value statements are still valid.
- The committee agreed that meeting and event space are needed. Both McKnight Hall and the Lucas Room are unique spaces that do not exist anywhere else on campus.
- Adequate support space including break-out meeting rooms, food service staging areas, and equipment storage is needed to support the event spaces.
- Dining / food service is needed in this area of campus.

- Adjacent parking is convenient for visitors attending events.
- Existing programs located in Cone Center today were reviewed for alignment with the mission and values of Cone Center. The following programs are viewed as a “good fit” for the Cone Center:
 - Niner Central
 - Center for Graduate Life
 - Fraternity and Sorority Life Office
 - McKnight Hall
 - Lucas Room
 - Dining and Food Service
- The following programs that are currently located in Cone are viewed as not aligned with the mission and values:
 - Business Affairs space (TOPS)
 - College of Computing classrooms
 - Key Shop
 - Venture Program
- There was no consensus about whether the following programs currently located in Cone Center belong to a student services focused building:
 - Title IX Office
 - Scholarship Office
- Other potential programs that could be located in Cone Center were considered and discussed. These include:
 - Office of Student Conduct – NO
 - Graduate Admissions – NO
 - Student Study Space – YES
 - Veteran Student Services Office – YES
 - Office of Adult and Evening Services – YES
 - VC of Student Affairs Administrative Space – YES
 - Dean of Students programs and administrative space – YES
 - Center for Volunteer Outreach – YES
 - Career Center – NO
- Based on the discussion, the committee identified four key program areas for a Future Cone Center:
 - Meeting and event space including adequate support areas.
 - Dining and food service.
 - Consolidation of the VC Business Affairs and Dean of Students programs and administrative space.
 - Space to support programs dedicated to student success.
- Specific programs that support the concept of student success need to be identified. Additional brainstorming is needed to determine what these might be.
- Please send additional program ideas to Kathryn Horne.

V. Next SPACe meeting: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 in EPIC 2344

Meeting adjourned at 4:24PM.

Minutes prepared by Jade Reed-Kreis.