



Space Planning Advisory Committee (SPACe)

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

3:00PM-4:30PM

EPIC 2344

Attendees: Kathryn Horne, Richard LaLiberté, Michelle Embry, Jim Hoppa, Darin Spease, Keith Wassum, Steve Coppola, Chip Yensan, Lee Gray

Absent: Jay Raja, John Storch, Aaron Hart, Phil Jones, Tammie Boyd

I. Space Steering Committee (SSC) – Next Meeting March 28, 2018

- The SPACe recommendation for Storrs 155 Classroom to be used by CoA+A was approved during the SSC meeting held on February 6, 2018.

II. Space Requests for Review and Approval

- Belk Gym Women's Swim Team
 - A feasibility study identified a location for the women's swim team in space that will be vacated after the Health and Wellness Center is built. The location reallocates group fitness space in Belk Gym. The women's swim team requires locker rooms, training rooms, coaches' offices. Improvements to the pool area include upgrades to the mechanical systems and structural changes to the pool to meet requirements for competitive swimming.
 - Space Management will look at providing direct access to the team meeting room from public corridor, which will allow for shared use of the team training room. The current floor plan is not finalized.
 - The Venture program will use the pool. The pool is not exclusively for swim team use. Judy Rose and Darin Spease will work with Recreation Services to develop an agreement for shared use.
- BES Office Space
 - BES requests a change in use to convert their only conference room into office space. EH&S and BES will no longer have conference space because both will have converted meeting space to office space.
- Cone Center: Conference Room 313 - EH&S Office Space - Niner Central
 - Originally, Student Affairs requested Cone 313, which SPACe recommended to SSC. SSC recommended Cone 313 remain allocated to Academic Affairs because the room can be listed in R25 for shared use.
 - EH&S has requested temporary office space for nine employees (six are new positions) until a new modular is installed. Purchase and installation will take approximately 9-12 months. Funding for the modular unit has not yet been allocated. Anticipated need for office space is in March 2018.
 - Darius Griffin noted that having new employees separated and in multiple locations across campus is not feasible.
 - EH&S is a candidate to occupy Cedar or Hickory in 2-3 years.
 - Another long-term option is CAB.

- There are five workstations in PORTAL not being used. Chip Yensan will give a cost estimate for leasing the space to EH&S, though it is not programmatically aligned with PORTAL.
- o Niner Central requests Cone conference room 313 to seat ten additional undergraduate workers that were hired due to an unanticipated call volume. Joan Lorden suggests this will be a permanent solution. The students may only need 2-5 seats in total. Niner Central has twenty-one seats already, and SPACE should consider future expansion. Ideally, the student group will stay in Cone with their supervisors. Space need is immediate.
 - One option is to move the students into the conference room temporarily.
 - Another option is the former dining space in RDH. Keith Wassum will confirm if the space has been vacated or if it is needed.
 - CAB could be a temporary option.
 - Niner Central could place the additional ten student workers in space already allocated to them in Reese with the registrar, financial aid, and student accounts.
- o The recommendation is either to alter Cone conference room 313 or have the Niner Central student workers share the space with EH&S.
- o SPACE recommends Space Management review CAB and PORTAL as options for EH&S and recommends Niner Central use their own space for the student workers.
- CAB SAC Event Venue Storage
 - o SAC has requested temporary storage space in CAB to replace space allocated to ITS for equipment. CAB will not be repurposed until after September.
 - o Kathryn Horne requested a motion. Chip Yensan moved to approve the use of CAB as storage for SAC with the understanding that it is temporary until CAB is repurposed. Keith Wassum seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
- Cameron 271 Kinesiology Research Lab
 - o Kinesiology requested vacated research lab space adjacent to their current space. However, there is a need for an art classroom with exhaust and water requirements that could be met by the same space. The recommendation is to defer a decision about the allocation of the lab until the temporary art-studio classroom space has been resolved.
 - CAB may be an option for temporary art classrooms.
 - o Keith Wassum moved to defer allocation of the lab until the art classroom has been resolved with a request to investigate CAB as a possible space. Steve Coppola seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

III. Conference Room Task Force

- A task force is needed to answer questions about conference space on campus, such as: 1) do we have enough conference room space; 2) are our conference rooms in the right locations; 3) are there mechanisms to promote greater conference-room sharing; and 4) are our conference spaces the right size? The recommendation is to start a task force in summer or early fall 2018.
- This semester Space Management will collect information about how conference room utilization. Jay Raja will compile reports from Academic Affairs on conference room utilization. Space Management will ask Vice Chancellors for conference room data in no particular format.

IV. Future Cone Center Sector Study

- In a meeting with the chancellor, Phil Jones presented SPACE ideas on the future of Cone Center with a focus on meeting and event space with a McKnight Hall and Lucas Room option, food

services, Student Affairs, and student support and success. The decision was made that the Cone Center will be a sector plan:

- A consultant will be hired to look at Cone Center as a sector with Cone deck and King building.
- Mosley will be invited to present its 2014 study of the Cone Center to refresh or familiarize those concepts for current SPACe members.
- SPACe needs to define the scope of work for the study to determine how detailed the group will discuss its programming needs. Kathryn Horne will meet with Jim Hoppa for clarity on the scope of work for this project.

V. Updates - Programming and Feasibility Studies

- Science Study: The intention for this construction is to have an interdisciplinary building with priority for instructional space in addition to research space for the molecular biology group of which not all of the chemistry department can fit. The schematic design was over budget, so research space was removed. The study identified alternative space that could be repurposed for faculty unable to occupy the new science building. Burson was reviewed, but its infrastructure cannot support the equipment needed for the chemistry department.
- Cameron Second Floor Study: The study begins on February 14th and will review Cameron's second floor as an option for chemistry and other displaced people.
- Bioinformatics Study: The fourth floor is shell space, so wet and dry lab research space is being considered for the space. There is a white-paper about the microbial genomic initiative, which this space could cater toward. The cost could be around \$9M but has not been presented. A benefit to this project is that it does not require relocation.

VI. Discussion

- Keith Wassum suggested renovating Sanford for office space rather than tearing it down. Kathryn Horne will draft an executive summary to describe potential, temporary use of Sanford as office space.
- Hiring is in process for three vacant positions within the Facilities Planning group, including the Director of Space Management.

VII. Next SPACe meeting: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 in Foundation 212

Meeting adjourned at 4:30PM.

Minutes prepared by Jade Reed-Kreis.