



## **Space Planning Advisory Committee (SPACe)**

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

3:00PM – 4:30PM

Storrs 101D

**Attendees:** Kathryn Horne, Michelle Embry, Jay Raja, Steve Coppola, Phil Jones, John Storch, Richard LaLiberté, Jim Hoppa, Darin Spease, Chip Yensan, Keith Wassum  
**Guest(s):** Nikolai Mather, Madison Dobrzanski, Luisa Donoso, Karen Shaffer  
**Absent:** Aaron Hart, Lee Gray, Tammie Boyd

### **I. SPACe Approved Space Requests**

- Cone Center Conference Room 313
- Cone Center Call Center – EH&S Office Space
- Cone Center Call Center – Niner Central
- ITS Temporary Storage Space – CAB
- Psychology Lab – Colvard
- Art and Art History Temporary Classrooms – Cameron

### **II. Space Requests Received and Under Review**

- Cameron 271 has been requested by Kinesiology as a research lab.
- CoA+A has requested a change in use in space at Center City for the Director of Galleries and associated personnel.
- Materials Management has requested space for Surplus Storage, which is currently 7,500 square feet of space. A lease is being negotiated for space off campus.
- A Fresh2U food service concept has been requested in Fretwell.
- The Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) has requested space on campus, as SBTDC is currently housed in PORTAL, which is intended for University Business Partner relationships.
- Athletics has requested space in SAC for work-out rooms, equipment storage, and offices.
- SAC Event Venue Management has requested the same space as Athletics in SAC for office and storage space.
- Zone 5 has requested space in CAB for elevator part(s) storage.

### **III. Space Requests for Review**

#### **• LGBTQ + Center**

The Student Government in association with Spectrum and Customer 49 requests space to be used as a center for students, faculty, and staff who identify within the LGBTQ+ community.

- The purpose of the center is to create a space where LGBTQ people are respected and affirmed, to provide resources and programs, and to provide a meeting space.
- The space will need evening and weekend access, from 8am to 8pm, access to a gender-neutral restroom, and surveillance security.
- The center will be staffed by volunteer students.

- Multiple space options have been investigated and discussed with Student Affairs. Kathryn Horne noted that all of the spaces under consideration are occupied and none is ideal. The spaces considered include:
  - Popp Martin Student Union Lower Level Room 048 is currently used by Media organizations to host student/staff meetings and perform interviews for radio and video programming.
  - Popp Martin Student Union Room 140A or 140B is currently Auxiliary space and will be used by SGOC while their space is being renovated.
  - Popp Martin Student Union Room 126 is a temporary location for Veteran Student Services, intended to be retail space. Student Affairs has discussed moving components of Union Station to this space.
  - Popp Martin Student Union Room 269 is currently a small conference room reserved through CRES. CRES staff (primarily reservations and event services) continue to be located in the Student Union administrative suite.
  - Cone University Center Room 223 is currently allocated to VENTURE. It is not ADA accessible.
  - Cone University Center Conference Room 313 is not accessible after 5pm. The conference room has meetings scheduled in it through the end of the year. SPACE made a recommendation to continue its use as a shared conference room with other occupants of Cone Center and the adjacent buildings.
  - Cone University Center Room 348C is currently used by Title IX as a second conference room and has a connecting door to the adjacent Title IX suite.
  - Cone University Center Piano Lounge is currently used as student lounge and study space, primarily by graduate students. Construction of a partition to create an enclosed room would be required.
- There was discussion of the pros and cons of each space. Allocating any of the spaces under consideration will result in the loss of an existing use.
- The student group suggested space in Atkins. Kathryn Horne noted that there is not any vacant space in Atkins at this time.
- Space that will be vacated in Belk Gym when the new Recreation Center is complete was suggested. This space will not be available until 2020.
- After further discussion, the committee recommended that Student Affairs leadership review the proposed locations, Student Affairs priorities, and needs for space and provide a recommendation to the SPACE for a location to meet the requested space need.
- Update on CAB repurposing/reallocation of space
  - Catering has moved out of CAB to renovated space in RDH; Zone 4 will move out of CAB in August 2018.
  - Dining Services has approximately 2,000 sf of storage space.
  - SAC Event Management was allocated 1,000 sf of space by SPACE.
  - ITS was allocated temporary space through October 2018 for storing IT equipment that will be installed in the FOPS building.
  - Four requests for space in CAB were previously submitted and discussed; storage space for attic stock (building materials), storage space for library print materials, space for general campus storage, and student project space.

- A recent study of campus Innovation Spaces considered two potential locations for “maker space”: Cameron first floor and CAB.
- The study noted CAB is not ideal for use as maker space, although CoE has expressed interest in the space:
  - CAB has an isolated location.
  - The cost to renovate CAB is approximately \$3 million or more. The cost includes renovating the toilets, replacing the mechanical system, and upgrading the electrical system.
  - Cameron first floor is more centrally located and requires less renovation.
- The cost to renovate CAB for other uses including academic or administrative office use is probably more than \$3 million.
- The committee noted that using CAB for storage does not seem to be the best use of the space.
- The committee recommended that a short-term (2-5 year), temporary solution be determined until funding for another use is identified.

**IV. UNC Facilities Inventory and Utilization Study Highlights**

- Kathryn Horne provided a memo highlighting data from the UNC Facilities Inventory and Utilization Study. The report is published annually and shows that UNC Charlotte has less academic and instructional space than most other UNC system universities.
- Steve Coppola provided a spreadsheet with more detailed information for the past three years for all UNC universities.
- The recently completed Niner Central highlights the new approaches to space use necessitated by the lack of space on campus.

**V. Sanford Residence Hall Repurpose White Paper**

- A consultant has been hired to prepare an executive summary describing the potential use of the high-rise residence hall Sanford as a temporary office building.

**VI. Next SPACe Meeting: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 in FMPPS-119**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Minutes by Jade Reed-Kreis.