



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

Thursday, September 27, 2018

3:00PM – 4:30PM

Reese 211

**Attendees:** Kathryn Horne, Lee Gray, Darin Spease, Chip Yensan, Steve Coppola, Keith Wassum, Jay Raja, Aaron Hart, Michelle Embry, Karen Shaffer  
**Guest(s):** Jim Walczyk, Dave Sperry, Cynthia Stone  
**Absent:** Richard LaLiberté, John Storch, Tammie Boyd

### **I. Space Steering Committee (SSC) Recommendations**

- LGBTQ+ Center
  - SPACe recommended allocating Cone 172 to Student Affairs for the LGBTQ+ Center to be used as a space for students, faculty, and staff who identify within the LGBTQ+ community.
- College of Computing and Informatics (CCI)
  - SPACe recommended allocating Cone 175 to CCI for an instructional computer classroom.
- Student Affairs IT & CoAA - Niner House
  - SPACe recommended allocating the Niner House first floor to Student Affairs for IT staff for one-year temporary use, which, after one-year, Student Affairs IT staff will move to Cedar or Hickory. The recommendation includes that the responsibility for operating and maintenance costs be reviewed and agreed to before Student Affairs ITS can occupy the space.
  - SPACe recommended allocating the basement of the Niner House to College of Arts and Architecture (CoAA) for storage space, and, after one-year, allocating the Niner House to CoAA.

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

The following requests have been received and are being reviewed.

- ITS has requested space in Storrs, Rowe, and Reese for telecommunications closets. Spaces have been identified; however, IT server room standards are being investigated for best use practices.

### **III. Space Requests Recommended for Action**

The following requests were presented for review and action.

#### SAC Event Venue Management

- SAC Event Venue Management has requested SAC 057, 058, and 062 for equipment storage and office space for faculty, staff, and students, once that space is vacated by University Recreation (URec) in 2020.
- Kathryn Horne asked if SAC Event Venue Management has used the 1000 SF of storage space in CAB that was allocated to them via the space request process. Cynthia Stone noted that the space in CAB has not yet been used.
- The committee recommended that more information be provided about current and projected storage space needs at the next SPACe meeting, including how storage space in SAC is used currently, what

items can be stored in CAB by SAC Event Venue Management, and what items would be stored in SAC 062.

- Karen Shaffer noted that a conversation between herself, Cynthia Stone, Keith Wassum, and Darin Spease may help to answer these questions before the next SPACe meeting.

#### Athletics - SAC

- Athletics has requested SAC 062, 064, and 096 for student athlete training rooms, equipment storage, and office space after space is vacated by Recreation Services in 2020. Athletics intends to create a student athlete training space with offices for a nutritionist, sports psychology, and director of student development.
- Keith Wassum noted that SAC 062 is a multifunctional media/staging/aerobics room with a wood floor. The room is used during basketball and other sporting events, and for pre-function space at graduation. Changing the use of this room will create the need for another space for this purpose.

#### VENTURE – Belk Gym

- Student Affairs has requested Belk Gym 009, 009A, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 127, and Gym4/130A for the VENTURE program upon completion of the Health and Wellness Center (URec). The space will be used for equipment storage, staff offices, a reception area, conference room, break room, work room, training room, and space for a climbing wall.
  - Rooms 110, 111, 113, 114, 116, 117, and 118 for offices for staff
  - Rooms 009/009A for trip/equipment storage
  - Rooms 108, 109, 112, 115, 119, and 127 for reception, conference room, break room, work room, storage, and training room
  - The climbing wall is currently located in the SAC and would move to Belk Gym, Gym4/130A
  - The racquetball courts will remain in Belk Gym
- The existing VENTURE space in Cone Center is not accessible for physically-challenged people.
- The VENTURE program would retain the fenced in storage area in Cone Center for boat storage and would vacate all other space in Cone Center.
- Chip Yensan noted that VENTURE is programmatically aligned with Kinesiology.
- Dave Sperry noted that the Kinesiology offers a minor in Outdoor Adventure Leadership (KOAL), which is supported by the VENTURE program.
- Darin Spease confirmed that Athletics does not need the offices that will be vacated by Recreation Services.

#### Kinesiology - Belk

- Kinesiology has requested Belk Gym 005, 006, 008, 009, 011, 023A, 023B, 023C for office space for faculty, staff, students, and advising; equipment and materials storage; classrooms including racquetball courts, fitness center, weight room, two activity rooms, and a small gym for weight training and other courses – to support training in emergency medical response, respiratory therapy/care, and the master of athletic training programs.
- A fitness studio, Belk Gym room 011, on the second floor has been allocated to Athletics for space to support a new women's swim team.

- Belk Gym 005 and 006 racquetball courts can be shared by Kinesiology when not being used for recreational activity.
- Keith Wassum noted that Kinesiology would not be able to occupy the requested spaces in Belk Gym until spring 2020.
- Jay Raja requested that Kathryn Horne meet with Ryan Kilmer in Kinesiology to review space that can be allocated to Kinesiology and to review Kinesiology's need for office space.

CLAS – Denny 200A

- The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CLAS) has requested Denny 200A for storage. CLAS was allocated this space for storage before the Denny renovation and is requesting the space again now that renovations are completed.
- The recommendation was to allocate Denny 200A to CLAS for storage. Jay Raja motioned to approve the recommendation. Lee Gray seconded, and the motion passed.

**IV. Space Requests on Hold**

At this time, no solutions have been identified to meet the needs of the following requests for space.

- Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs Administrative Space
- Center for Graduate Life has requested relocation to Cone 3<sup>rd</sup> floor across from McKnight Hall.
- Permanent space has been requested for Student Conduct Hearing Rooms.
- COE has requested space for an Industrial Solutions Laboratory for Senior Design Class projects.

**V. Feasibility and Space Studies**

- Athletics Facilities Master Plan
- Student Union Expansion
- Meeting and Event Space – Task Force
- Fretwell and Fresh2U
- Cato First Floor Re-allocation
- College of Computing and Informatics (CCI) Space Study
- Cone Sector Study
- Sanford Residence Hall Repurpose White Paper

**VI. Discussion**

- Kathryn Horne will follow up with Kim Bradley about possible future plans for the Niner House.
- The new Director of Space Management, Joe Bace, will arrive on October 8.
- Kathryn Horne has been named as the Interim Associate Vice Chancellor of Facilities Management.

**VII. Next SPACE Meeting: Thursday, October 25, 2018 in Storrs 101D from 3:15 PM - 4:45 PM**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:33 PM.

Minutes by Jade Reed-Kreis