

## **Notes from the Space Allocation Committee**

**May 4, 2005**

### **Agenda:**

1. Update on Pre-College Program space needs (C. Dinno)
2. Status of Spring '05 Space Inventory and Next Steps
3. Timing for Future Planning
  - For space opened when Darwin reopens
  - For space opened when the Green Music Center opens

Members Present: Katie Pierce, Christopher Dinno, Marty Ruddell, Vanessa Franklin, Les Adler, Elaine Leeder, Brian Jersky as proxy for Saeid Rahimi, Tim Wandling, Bill Babula, Barbara Butler, Rand Link, Jim Robertson

Members Absent: Katharyn Crabbe, Steve Norwick

### **Review of the Notes**

Jim pointed out that although he was quoted in the notes, he was not listed as present. Rand also questioned the date when the GMC would come online (Fall 2008 according to the notes). Christopher verified that if everything goes as planned, the GMC could come online in Spring or Summer '08. But it should certainly be online by Fall 2008. Sue will correct the notes to show Jim Robertson as present and will leave Fall 2008 as the expected semester when the GMC is online.

### **Update on Pre-College space needs**

Rand reported that Barbara found space for four individuals from Pre-College Programs (PCP) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Schulz (Schulz 3009) and thanked her for sharing Library space with them. Facilities has done their part but IT is still working to get things operational technology-wise. This has allowed two half-time people to move out of the West Wing of the South Fieldhouse and one employee who was crammed behind the door near the entrance of the PCP office to also move. Katheryn Horton, who has been housed in the Center for Distributed Learning office will also be able to move to Schulz 3009. Furniture was found in storage.

Elaine offered to explore space in Rachel Carson Hall (RCH) due to a part-timer leaving. Perhaps PCP could use this space for the next academic year. Marty is also investigating some space in RCH that could be loaned to PCP on a temporary basis. Rand stated that Gerald Jones was not able to accept the Schulz space because he needs to begin his day at 8:00 am on Saturdays and Schulz doesn't open until 10:00 am. But the RCH space would work fine. There is one more person who is working in the "dungeon" area of the PCP office who Rand would like to find space for elsewhere. So if Marty is able to loan him some space in RCH, that would help a great deal.

Katie then turned the committee's attention to brain-storming on possible solutions for Nursing. Christopher explained the difficulty of a temporary location for Nursing because of the unique and extensive equipment needs. Marty expressed concern about meeting accreditation standards for the Fall review. Katie asked Brian if he could find out if accreditation would be satisfied on the promise and plan for a future permanent solution. Christopher stated that finding a

permanent location would require pulling together funds to retrofit the facility to be more “hospital-like”. A donor would be needed. Brian agreed to speak to Liz Close, Chair of Nursing, to find out if the accreditation review board would accept a plan for a future permanent solution. Someone (Elaine?) asked about the possibility of extending the lease on the temporary buildings (due to end when Darwin reopens in Fall 2006) so that perhaps permanent space could be freed up elsewhere for Nursing. Chris reported that the Darwin remodel is on schedule and on budget. Katie suggested the committee look ahead to when Darwin reopens and look at spaces that were “loaned” to Science and Technology during the remodel that may be opening up. Elaine thought that the Library would have the most space opening up, which wouldn’t help because we won’t be able to re-fill those spaces. Katie added that faculty hiring will likely take up much of the available “loaned” space. Bill is pushing for the Jazz program to be housed in GMC, not in Warren Auditorium. This would open up more space in Warren Auditorium for others to use. Les commented that he hoped the classroom that was allocated to the SSALI, currently on loan to Geology, would come back to SSALI when Darwin reopens. However, if SSALI only uses it until 4pm, then the time that it is not being used as a classroom will indicate that it is being inefficiently used.

Katie suggested that Christopher take a look at the Inventory list and together she and he could develop a way to sort it so that it makes sense. Elaine commented that once we see what spaces will be opening up then the committee could concentrate on finding permanent solutions for ORSP, PCP, Nursing and OCBL. Rand added that Athletics is also needing more space and that a solution by Fall 2006 would be better than Fall 2008. Bill announced that Stuart Jones asked him for part of the Language Lab. Jones was not aware that space requests need to go through the Space Committee. Rand agreed that the Development Office needs better space and concluded that they need to move to an all-university committee. Tim asked if there was a formula for growth related to faculty growth and Katie answered that we’ll expand our permanent faculty but not the space. Elaine stated that Larry & Ruben have done some place-holding to put us online for new building for faculty space. She wondered if we might get priority on construction funding since we are growing at a greater rate than other campuses. Rand commented that a way to “leap-frog” the project would be to bring in some private dollars. Jim stated that some of our generous donors are already heavily contributing to the GMC. All campuses are in line for building and renovation funds. Rand asked if there will be more faculty office space in Darwin when the remodel is done and Christopher answered no. Jim said that someone needs to decide where that growth will go and he speculated that GE would absorb it.

The committee talked about the expected growth rates for the next few years and figured that it would result in more classes on Fridays and Saturdays and classes beginning earlier in the day. The committee then talked about how to best utilize the Inventory information and Marty suggested that they start with spaces that are online, look at spaces that they know are opening up when Darwin comes back online, and then find a useful and thoughtful way to re-allocate those spaces. Do this again later with Ives, when space will be vacated with the opening of the GMC. All agreed this was a logical approach to finding solutions for the programs with high priority space needs. The committee decided that they would like to continue to meet through the summer on the first Wednesdays of the month. The next meeting will be June 1.

Katie will sort the Inventory list by spaces on loan and will distribute it to members to confirm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Notes respectfully submitted by Sue Hardisty.