

## Notes from the Space Allocation Committee

December 7, 2005

### Agenda

1. Nursing Labs
2. SSALI Need for Space
3. Report on Stevenson Hall walkthrough
4. Stevenson 2065: Security of Room & contents for Anthropology
5. Classroom Furniture
6. Clustered Classrooms (Demonstration Classrooms ) added at the meeting

Members Present: Katie Pierce - Chair, Christopher Dinno, Elaine Leeder, Bill Babula, Brian Jersky, Mary Gendernalik-Cooper, Katharyn Crabbe, , Jim Christmann, Melinda Milligan, Vanessa Franklin, Barbara Butler

Members Absent: Les Adler, Jim Robertson

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Katie Pierce called the meeting to order at 4:05. Brian Jerskey reminded Katie that the agenda item "Demonstration (or Clustered) Classrooms should have carried forward from last months agenda. The item was added. The Committee agreed to defer Item 2 SSALI's need for space since Les Adler was absent.

Before turning to the agenda there was general discussion about a new proposed classroom building; Christopher Dinno responded to questions. Growth projections indicate that SSU will need a new academic building in 2011/2012. Preliminary planning sufficient to get the building into the systemwide queue is underway. Academic leadership will meet to discuss plans on 12/13 and Christopher and Katie will keep the Space Committee apprised. Disciplines slated for growth, including Sociology, English, Nursing and Education are candidates to occupy the new building. Christopher confirmed that the Green Music Center academic space is scheduled to become available in Fall, 2008.

### **Nursing Labs**

Katie reminded the group of the site visits last year in which the Nursing skills and practice labs were to be too small and poorly configured to meet the program's needs. Identification of more appropriate space emerged as a priority. Through exploratory discussion it was confirmed that the Chalk Hill building now housing the physics is owned by the Housing Program and will revert to use by Residence Halls. Also, the facility would have to be rented if it were deployed to any non-housing purpose. Several members felt the

### **Classroom Furniture**

Bill Babula kicked-off discussion with his observation that classroom furniture is far below par in many of our classrooms, citing Stevenson 2021 as an example. Others echoed his views and concern. Prior to the Fall semester Vanessa Franklin and Christopher had done their best to assemble serviceable furniture in each classroom to meet capacity. Vanessa kept an inventory of the classrooms most in need of attention. She and Christopher will use that inventory to create a list of the most urgent needs for refurbishing (including furniture and surface repairs). Remembering the last round of classroom refurbishing when the “smart” classrooms were created, Christopher reminded the group how expensive refurbishing can be. There will be further discussion about preferences and need for “smart” classrooms and traditional “blackboard” style classrooms.

Jim Christman pointed out that if minor breakage is repaired promptly more serious and costly damage often can be avoided. Christopher agreed reminding the committee that Facilities takes responsibility for those repairs. Katie will find out how requests for repairs should be communicated to Facilities. She’ll bring that information to the Academic Affairs Council so it can then be shared with faculty members.

Elaine Leeder and Christopher Dinno excused themselves.

### **Plans for Carson 1**

Brian Jerskey presented a proposal from the School of Science & Technology and the Chemistry Department, requesting that the Carson 1 lab space remain a “wet” lab for use by any department once the Darwin remodel is completed. Before conversion to a “wet” lab to serve science classes during the remodel, the space was a computer lab. IT no longer wants the space to that purpose. The proposal gained unanimous support and approval will be recommended to the Provost.

Jim Christman mentioned the desirability of a classroom where science teaching can be observed by those in training to become science teachers. But, members familiar with Carson 1 seemed to think it was not appropriate for that use.

### **SSALI Needs for Space**

As background to the discussion, Les Adler provided information about modular buildings previously owned by SSALI that housed the program. He spoke about the benefits to the university of international students who attend SSALI and then enroll in SSU. Helen Kallenbach, Director, explained that enrollments decreased following September 11, 2002, but are now bouncing back to record levels. She distributed a matrix showing course hours and enrollments showing that enrollments are now exceeding room capacities. Additional space is needed for the Spring 2006 and the SSALI program is poised for even more growth next year.

Providing space for the coming semester is a critical need. Some members said there is under utilized space in Media/IT area of Salazar Hall, as well as in the Library. Katie was asked to check into it.

Discussion turned to planned use for Stevenson 1050 when the Darwin reopens and the Geology Lab vacates the space. SSALI desires to resume use of that space and has planned on doing so. However, Vanessa pointed out that the room could accommodate 40 tab arm chairs and there is a strong need for spaces of that size. Katie wondered if the space might be appropriately configured to become a nursing skills lab to meet a very high priority need. If nursing used Stevenson 1050, perhaps space(s) vacated by them could be utilized by SSALI.

The time for adjournment arrived with discussion on this matter just getting started. It was agreed to suspend decision and discussion until next meeting when it will be placed early in the agenda. The memorandum to the Committee from Nursing Chair Liz Close will be presented next time.

Respectfully submitted

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Committee Chair