

Space Enhancement and Design Allocation Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
October 27, 2006

Opening:

The regular meeting of the SEDA was called to order at 1:10 pm by Thomas Frisbie-Fulton in The Presidents Conference Room in Green Hall

Present:

Mary Brennan, Thomas Frisbie-Fulton (chair), Ryan Carrillo, Ann Morrissey, Leon Thiem, Ken Sission, Vern Wyman, Chip Yensan. Also present a graduate student in a shadowing program.

Absent:

Paul DePace, Jim Kowalski, Lynn Pasquerella, Jerry Sidio, Cynthia Faria

A. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the September 29, 2006 were reviewed. A spelling correction was noted. Leon Thiem motioned to approve, Vern Wyman seconded. Unanimous decision to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

B. Current Issues

Tom Frisbie-Fulton gave a brief overview of Pharmacy, Food Science and Nutrition, and the Rod Mathers issues.

1. Ryan Carrillo has met with Pharmacy representatives and toured the Fogarty building with Clint Chichester. Ryan identified BISC as a possible temporary location for new Pharmacy hire until new building is constructed. Ryan added that the basement of Ranger room 14 could be utilized as a possible teaching lab. Ryan will continue to investigate options for an additional pharmacy lab and report back to the committee.
2. Food Science and Nutrition has postponed hiring, so their needs are not as urgent. Other FS&N issues identified include the Rhode Island Natural History Survey occupying a research lab on the 3rd floor of Ranger. Ryan reported that the group does not require a lab with a fume hood since their work requires mostly cataloging and storage space. The work they do is academic research, and Capital Planning and Design believes that the group can be comfortably relocated to the outside of the quad. Possible locations discussed include: Fernwood Building adjacent to Independence Square. Ryan and Tom will continue to investigate possible locations.

The Greenhouse building was suggested as a possible spot for RI Natural History Survey by Leon Thiem because it is plant related. The committee recommended that Ryan investigate the possibility of moving the RI Natural History Survey to the Greenhouses.

Dr. Cathy English, chair of the Food Science and Nutrition Department would like to renovate Ranger room 112 from a teaching lab to office space in order to consolidate the faculty in her department in a common suite. Ranger offices 205 and ½ of 200 will become available if Ranger room 112 is renovated for office space.

Ryan wants to hold room 14 in the basement because it has a fume hood, which is presently slated to go to Professor Koske. Ryan suggested that if we can move Rod Mathers to Greenhouse Road (RDL), along with the other new marine related hires, then Dr. Koske could use Room 10 (formerly Mathers), and Room 14 could be reserved for a researcher that requires a fume hood.

Ryan will continue to work on this idea. It is contingent upon replacing the 3 general assignment classrooms in the Blue Butler Building. See below.

Motion was made by Chip Yensan and Seconded by Leon Thiem to approve modification of room 112 Ranger Hall to office space. Unanimous approval.

3. Underwater Archeology and History

Tom Frisbie-Fulton shared information from his meeting with Lynn Pasquerella regarding the importance of Dr. Mather's research. A possible solution for Dr. Mathers is the RDL Resource Development Lab. His needs are for a cluster of labs and teaching spaces. The building is close to the coastal institute, a single floor with no stairs, and has easy vehicular access for loading/unloading equipment. The RDL is presently assigned as general assignment classrooms, utilized mostly by communication studies students. Ken Sission said that there are presently 3 general assignment classrooms in the RDL. If CP&D can find 3 additional general assignment classroom spaces then the RDL can be freed up for Dr. Mathers.

B. Sports Medicine and Academic Enhancement

At the last SEDA meeting the committee authorized TFF to investigate the possibility of the Tootell Suites for sports medicine and academic enhancement. Tom has worked with Dean Libutti and Art Tuveson to develop a plan whereby Sports Medicine will be relocated to suites 100 & 105, and Academic Enhancement will be assigned to Suite 126 and unused rooms 208,209,and 210 in the Keaney Gym for student Athlete tutoring..

Since rooms 208/209/210 have been are taken off line, due to heating and mold issues then there needs to be supplemental scheduling MTW 6:30-9:30 pm, to replace these Tootell rooms for the athletes.

Ann Morrissey said that this plan seems to meet several needs. Learning assistance will be available for the student athletes when they walk into the building to and from practice. This scheme is also consistent with the future plan for the SADC.

No official motion was made by the SEDA committee regarding approval of Sports Medicine & Training, Academic Enhancement, because of prior recommendation of the SEDA committee. All agreed on the reassignment of to Tootell suite 100 & 105 Sports Medicine; assignment of Tootell suite 126 and unused classrooms in Keaney Gym 208, 209, & 210 to Academic Enhancement

However, Get Fit Rhode Island will not be accommodated at Tootell, or in the athletics area. Ryan meet with Ann Marie Connolly, whom requested that space on the quad be found for the GETFIT RI program. It was discussed that for the interim, that GETFIT RI continue to use 210 Flagg Road room and be additionally assigned 212A and 213 as storage and office space in order to allow for better setup of the spinning bikes and the relocation of Sue Leonard's office to 210 Flagg Road.

Chip Yensan made the motion that Get Fit Rhode Island be allowed to use room 213 and 212A on a temporary basis for the GETFIT RI program for storage. Leon Their seconded. Unanimous approval.

Pending issues

Chip Yensan spoke about the Rodger William complex use as a student wellness center
Potential of HRL to move to Fogerty

Leon Their motioned to adjourn at 2:35 pm
Seconded by Tom Frisbie-Futon, Unanimous approval