



UW-LA CROSSE ACADEMIC BUILDING
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MEETING NOTES – CLASSROOM FORUM #2

MEETING START TIME: 10:00 a.m.

MEETING END TIME: 12:00 p.m.

NOTES:

1. Matt Lewis opened the forum with a review of project status.
 - Program started over six years ago and has recently been refined.
 - The focus of the forum is on the classroom and it's associated learning spaces.
 - Introduced the team bringing the project to reality – River Architects and Paulien & Associates.
2. Val Schute of River Architects reviewed the focus of the forum and reviewed the overall planning process and its need for collaboration between Owner, Designer, and User.
3. The presentation by River Architects focused on the highlights from the previous forum, a glossary of terms used in the planning of the building, generational learning style shift, and room layout options.
4. Key items mentioned by students and faculty during the forum included:
 - Maximum size of caserooms?
 - Ceiling height limitations? The projection screen placement is critical in the classroom.
 - Smaller teaching podiums with flexibility so sight lines aren't implicated.
 - "Healthy" building design and incorporating recyclable materials.
 - Difficult to have group activities in tiered classrooms.
 - Ease of furniture rearrangement. Lighter furniture, flooring materials, etc.
 - Marker board and screen location; Projection screens off to one side in lieu of centered.
 - Future forum needed to discuss accessibility.
 - Quality of technology no quantity.
 - Gender neutral restrooms.
 - Classrooms with natural light – borrowed light or direct.
 - Room temperatures need to be stable and comfortable.

Meeting Notes by: Michael J. Adler, Associate AIA

Note: This constitutes our understanding of the issues presented. Contact River Architects, Inc. via phone at (608) 785-2217, or e-mail m.adler@river-architects.com if there are any discrepancies.

c. Matt Lewis/UWL

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