

GEOGRAPHY MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: University of Wisconsin – La Crosse
PRAIRIE SPRINGS SCIENCE CENTER – PHASE II
La Crosse, WI

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MEETING DATE: October 7, 2021

MEETING TIME: 12:30pm-2:00pm

ATTENDANCE:

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OVERALL PLAN REVIEW:

1. The overall plans of each floor level were presented. The following items were noted:
 - a. Concerns expressed by Geography on the location of the faculty offices in relation to the department office/reception area. Scott noted that he will be reviewing overall office locations with the Dean in the near future.
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DESIGN REVIEW:

1. Program Summary:
 - a. The space tabulation for the Geography Department was provided as a reference. No comments.
2. Introductory & Advanced GIS Labs:
 - a. Monitors at sides and back of room.
 - b. Teaching station similar to classrooms.
 - c. Two 24" monitors at each student station.

- d. Whiteboard space? Currently shown on side walls. Consider shifting projection screen north closer to the door. Whiteboard behind screen desired.
 - e. Revise door locations to center screen in room.
 - f. Provide whiteboard space on back wall to either side of monitor.
 - g. Variation in display content on other screens desired. Will likely result in additional hardware. Specifics to be determined.
 - h. Poster printing and display opportunities. Tack strip required at top of whiteboard.
 - i. Movable table adjacent to teaching station.
 - j. Desk configuration results in students having backs to the front wall.
 - k. Instructor circulations space around student stations desired.
 - l. Reduction in student stations from 30 to 24? Reduce one space and expand the other? Advanced courses typically less than 30.
 - m. Often work in groups of 4.
 - n. 48" workstation tables.
 - o. Prioritize visibility to front of room. Access around the room for instructor just as important.
 - p. Projection screen as high as possible.
 - q. Printer – Colin noted that it may not be necessary. Plan on space and infrastructure.
 - r. Cubby storage and coat storage.
 - s. Dual monitors at teaching station needed. Similar size as student station monitors.
3. GIS Lab Support & Lab Manager:
- a. Provide ample data jacks.
 - b. Cabinet configuration to be developed.
4. Faculty/Student Research (Computational):
- a. Rotate workstations and place against wall.
 - b. Locate storage along exterior wall across from workstations.
 - c. Visibility into room at the door at a minimum.
5. Dry Lab Research:
- a. Provide whiteboard in each space.
 - b. Display monitor not required.
 - c. Student seating? Provide 1 or 2 extra chairs.
6. Roof Antenna:
- a. 2' diameter antenna. Fixed location. GPS function. More open to full sky the better. Data cable from antenna to GIS Support Space. Large diameter coax type cable. Mount has to be stable. Access to antenna required. Was located on the east end of Cowley Hall near the observation platform.
7. Classrooms:
- a. Geography doesn't need the bench space. Preference would be for a portable solution.
8. Storage (Phase 1):
- a. Geography storage rooms being utilized. No other storage required.
9. Equipment:
- a. SharePoint input. Colin and Steve to provide information.

10. A copy of the presentation and additional notes can be found here: <https://river-architects.sharefile.com/d-sea9ca95efd3d46dfa4f5388f984bbf58>

SCHEDULE & NEXT STEPS:

1. Design team to revise plans based on discussions held.
2. Next meeting to be scheduled in 3 to 4 weeks to review specifics.
3. UWL to provide equipment selections and specs for the SmithGroup SharePoint site for all university-provided equipment.

ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY		
1	Equipment selections and specifications to SharePoint	UWL

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.