

MICROBIOLOGY MEETING NOTES

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

DFD PROJECT NO: 19G1J
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MEETING DATE: January 25, 2021

MEETING TIME: 1:00-3:00pm

ATTENDANCE:

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PROJECT VISION RECAP:

1. Student-Centered
 2. Collaborative
 3. Face-Forward
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PROGRAM REVIEW:

1. Microbiology Department
 - a. Reduced Lab Support Staff Offices from 3 to 2
 - b. Added Departmental Meeting Room
 - c. Student Workstations enlarged
 - d. Overall delta: +50 ASF
 - e. No modifications or revisions requested.
2. Adjacencies
 - a. Locate as many offices on one floor as possible.

- b. Private offices adjacent to shared departmental spaces (Reception, ADA, Work Room, etc.)
 - c. No modifications or revisions requested.
3. Classrooms
- a. Increased 74-seat active learning classroom to 84 seats.
 - b. Added (1) one 84-seat active learning classrooms.
 - c. Increased 80-seat classrooms to 100 seats.
 - d. Changed 150-seat fixed theater style classrooms to fixed tables and movable chairs.
 - e. Overall delta: +10,500 ASF
 - f. Adjacencies – near student collaboration spaces.
4. Misc. Instructional Support
- a. Recategorized Student Organization Space.
 - b. Recategorized Faculty Resource Centers.
 - c. Renamed Maker Space to CS Engineering Lab.
 - d. Resizing to match lab planning module.
 - e. Removed (1) extra Science Ed Support Space.
 - f. Enlarged Science Ed Lab.
 - g. Overall delta: -194 ASF.
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LINK:

- 1. The link between phases 1 and 2 was reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
 - a. "Social Center"
 - b. Survey to be sent to Design Committee
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DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES:

- 1. The departmental offices were reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
 - a. Illustrations depicted are generic and not meant to show final design ideas.
 - b. Coty clarified the DFD Sustainable Design requirement for 50% glazing at interior wall of offices/space along the exterior. Hallway-facing offices would not be required to have 50% glazed area.
 - c. Coty noted the desire for a distribution of collaboration spaces throughout.
 - d. Coty noted there are a number of options for treating the collaboration areas through various means of technology, writing surfaces, etc.
 - e. Glazing required at all offices for security reasons.
 - f. Scott noted that UWL Administration is open to looking at the various options and will review the merits of each option.
 - g. Scott noted that Option 2 could be less distracting in how the offices are arranged. Coty added how students often wait in the hallway.
 - h. Scott noted that new furnishings will be provided as part of the project. Further discussion will happen at a later time.
 - i. Scott noted how the amount of glazing at the interior wall of the exterior offices is a requirement while the interior offices would likely not include as much glass.

- j. Mike – personal preference – hard to give up a window. Could live with either approach.
 - k. Scott noted how the distributed collaboration areas would tend to be more used by students who don't always like to sit in areas where larger groups are congregated.
 - l. Mike – concerned about acoustics and conversations happening outside the faculty offices.
 - m. Mike will review with Microbiology Dept on Friday.
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CLASSROOMS:

- 1. The classrooms were reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
 - a. Cowley Hall 140 & 156
 - i. Inflexibility is undesirable in these settings.
 - ii. Greg noted that the current design intent is moving towards fixed tables and movable chairs in the larger classrooms.
 - b. Writing Surface
 - i. Mike likes the ability to write. Microbiology has classes up to 100 students, many in 40-50 range; always uses a whiteboard and 1 screen (for PP); recently being forced to use doc cam for remote learning, but does not prefer it.
 - ii. Mike to verify with the department.
 - c. Displays
 - i. Mike doesn't feel three screens are necessary.
 - ii. Mike to verify with the department.
 - d. Remote/Virtual Learning
 - i. Distance Education capability desired – microphones and participant monitors.
 - e. Traditional Classrooms
 - i. x
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ACTIVE LEARNING CLASSROOMS:

- 1. The active learning classrooms were reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
 - a. Mike not aware of any Microbiology faculty doing Active Learning. More discussion-based, small-group settings.
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DEPARTMENTAL SPACES + TECHNOLOGY:

- 1. The departmental spaces programmed for Phase 2 were reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
 - a. Microbiology program does not include any departmental lab/teaching spaces.
 - b. Current AV complement within classrooms is acceptable; Distance Ed classrooms (DE) microphones are needed at each seat, currently lacking in existing DE rooms.
 - c. Brandon Harris – current DE rooms have multiple screens for near and far camera views plus digital content.
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OPEN ISSUES:

- 1. Mike Hoffman to review technology needs with the Microbiology Department.
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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.