

SPECIMEN MUSEUM MEETING NOTES

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

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MEETING DATE: May 12, 2021

MEETING TIME: 9:00am-10:30am

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GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The overall planning of Specimen Museum was reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
 - a. Space Function & Experience
 - Review of space program and quantities of existing cases.
 - Distributed museum concept (immersive, edge, and terminus).

- Scott: Areas illustrated on the plans are opportunities for display locations. Need to be sensitive to the budget and current/future inventory.
- Tony: Spaces in Phase 1 are also available. Barrett noted that there are placeholder displays until other exhibits are developed.
- Elevator display area:
 - Tony: Faculty directory should be located in this area.
 - John: Sequential display tied to other parts of the building. Color-coded by department.
 - Emma: Balance of actual faculty office locations.
 - Colin: Equitable approach desired.
 - Colin: Showcase interactions between programs. Highlight the region from a Geography perspective. Tie into Biology and others.
 - Emma: Representation from Math, Chemistry, and Physics?
 - Tony: College-level committee needed to rotate displays and develop a prioritization.
 - Colin: Interactive/immersive technology at the first floor could provide additional opportunity.
 - Barrett: Displays need to draw attention. Curation plan and thought process of how to display these items is critical.
 - Barrett: Need to accommodate traveling exhibits.
 - Barrett: Modularity, UV, lighting, etc. all need to be considered.
- Smitha reviewed conceptual ideas for the southwest entrance area.
 - Folded walls, spiral circulation path, central focus, and nested ideas presented.
 - K Johnson: Microbiology is microscope-based. While the departments have different interests, there are similarities.
 - Barrett: Concerns about putting too many items into a single display or area. Sustainable? User-friendly?
 - Colin: Can these spaces accommodate groups of people of all ages?
 - Tony: Opportunity for naming rights and donation.
 - Markus: Can manage and use teaching assistants to display birds for public and student display.

2. The Herbarium was reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:

a. Architectural/Layout

- Guideplate images illustrated for discussion.
- 30 cases in the existing space likely to be used plus new. Interim storage challenge per Tony.
- Space does not include Mycology items.
- No bookbinding activities in this space.
- Transparency opportunities. Not required. Nothing of interest.
- Primary purpose is for scientific work, not display.

b. Laboratory Equipment/Casework

- Work bench separate from computer stations needed.

c. Plumbing & Fire Protection

- No lab utilities required.
- No plumbing required.

d. HVAC

- Ventilation sufficient to remove moth ball odor.

e. Electrical/Telecom

- No specific requirements noted.
- Card access required.

- f. Audio-Visual
 - No specific requirements noted.
- 3. The Table & Chair area was reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
 - a. Architectural/Layout
 - Combine with prep spaces?
 - Consider removal of enclosed office. Allocate to other area.
 - Transparency opportunity.
 - b. Laboratory Equipment/Casework
 - Cases with drawers. Taller cases for mounted specimens needed.
 - c. Plumbing & Fire Protection
 - No specific requirements noted.
 - d. HVAC
 - No specific requirements noted.
 - e. Electrical/Telecom
 - No specific requirements noted.
 - Card access required.
 - f. Audio-Visual
 - No specific requirements noted.
- 4. The Non-Display Prep – Mammal area was reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
 - a. Architectural/Layout
 - Combine with Insect Prep? Yes.
 - Limited use of chemicals.
 - Storage space is top priority. Most work can occur in a lab.
 - 2-3 people with occasional school-aged group tour.
 - b. Laboratory Equipment/Casework
 - Equipment list needed.
 - Fume hood and safety shower.
 - Shelving and storage can't be generic per Barrett.
 - Markus noted space for birds is needed.
 - No hood needed.
 - c. Plumbing & Fire Protection
 - Eye wash
 - Sink needed.
 - No lab utilities.
 - No dishwashing.
 - No pure water.
 - d. HVAC
 - Moth balls used.
 - No snorkels needed.
 - e. Electrical/Telecom
 - Emergency power for freezers.
 - f. Audio-Visual
 - No specific requirements noted.
- 5. The Non-Display Prep – Insect area was reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
 - a. Architectural/Layout
 - Combine with Mammal Prep? Yes.
 - Storage space is top priority. Most work can occur in a lab.

- b. Laboratory Equipment/Casework
 - Equipment list needed.
 - Shelving and storage can't be generic per Barrett.
 - Expansion and placement of existing insect cabinets – protected specimens.
 - No hood needed.
 - c. Plumbing & Fire Protection
 - No specific requirements noted.
 - See comments provided under mammal area above.
 - d. HVAC
 - No specific requirements noted.
 - See comments provided under mammal area above.
 - e. Electrical/Telecom
 - No specific requirements noted.
 - See comments provided under mammal area above.
 - f. Audio-Visual
 - No specific requirements noted.
6. Refer to attached drawings for additional review comments recorded during the meeting.
7. Equipment anticipated to be provided outside of the construction contract to be itemized using an online database. SmithGroup to provide link and instructions to SharePoint site. UWL to designate key personnel that will populate these lists with the appropriate equipment.

ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY		
-	No action items noted.	-

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.