Master Plan Town Hall Meeting  
The Commons  
April 22, 2013  
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Agenda: Space Utilization

Dean Rieger made some announcements of upcoming events such as the Spring Faculty Meeting on May 15, 2013 and mentioned the final College Master Plan Town Hall on May 28, 2013.

Q&A session with clickers, audience participation.

Timeline of activities:
Feb – Jul, 2013 UD Space Audit
Jul 2013 – CANR Master Plan
Aug 2013 - Arrival of New Provost
Late 2013 - Path to Prominence v. 2.0

CANR has 361,091 actual sq. footage space by County; CANR sq. footage included in RBB – 162,481. Square footage assigned to CANR in DBI – 10,628; ISE Lab – 3,745. The Newark space by use is 232,881 assigned space; the RBB space that we are paying for – 117,133. CANR space – RBB costs = ~$48/sq. foot for FY13. Total farm expenses = $1,566,684; expenses minus income = $918,705; Carvel $679,450 expenses; $527,757 = expenses minus income.

The CANR Space Committee lead by Acting Deputy Dean, Janine Sherrier has been charged to develop a long term vision of the CANR space including reviewing space requests. Dean Rieger said that vacated space will go to a central pool for reallocation. The committee will advise the dean on space issues. An audit will be conducted, conditions will be reviewed and a determination will be made to either maintain or destroy the space. We must accommodate growth and supply sufficient quality to attract and retain personnel, and find a way to pay for it.

Dean Rieger asked for feedback from the audience by way of clickers. The majority selected that better quality space was needed, such as Worrlow lab (Wisser). Office space was selected as the best quality space; research space received the lowest votes. Comments and discussion ensued about the needs in Worrlow Hall.

Next question asked about the worst quality space. Poll showed that research lab space was the worse. Alphin said the state of the Allen Lab was in good shape; better than Worrlow.
To plan for the future, the next question asked what should be the highest priority for investment. The poll showed that research space is what we should invest in.

The next question asked what the 2nd highest priority for investment should be. The poll showed that teaching/classrooms/labs were 2nd highest priority.

Lyons expressed concern about inadequate technology in the Fischer Lab and Lesa Griffiths said tables were needed for active/problem-based learning. More screens in the classroom are needed. Dean Rieger mentioned that Apple has a wireless technology that would be useful. Jules commented that the use of better technology on Central campus is better than what is available on South Campus.

Next question asked about the lowest priority for investment. The poll showed that storage and office space were of lowest concern. *Dean Rieger asked about the quantity of storage needed. Seemed to be adequate.

The next question was related to classrooms and teaching labs. Those polled selected inadequate spaces (C). Dean Rieger asked about problems with registrar-controlled classrooms. Hastings commented that when he requests a room, the registrar’s office will give you a room with the exact number of seats you requested and sometimes it is not enough space, especially when exams are being taken. Dean Rieger asked if anyone considered Hybrid classes. Chuck Mason pointed out that a lot of the campus is actually moving South, to STAR campus. Wisser commented that modernization needs to be added to attract students.

The next question asked about space at the county extension facilities. The poll showed that most people felt that spaces were adequate and needed minor renovations only. Manno said that technology and space is badly needed in Kent County. Michelle said that there were about 15 people working out of the Kent County office.

The next question asked about computer labs. The majority voted equally between group work stations and no work stations. Comment regarding issue involving lack of flexible space. Hutton suggested that students entering UD might be polled for their input. The dean asked the opinion of students supplying their own laptops and software. Hastings commented that the particular discipline would determine this.

Next question involved research labs and how they would be renovated. The majority voted a combination of preferred single and shared labs. Comment related to the hindrance of future growth space if labs were combined. Mason commented that private space is necessary for more sensitive research.
The next question asked if funds were available, what would the renovations to Worrilow include? The majority voted to demolish the building and start over.

*Regarding storage, the majority voted that minor renovations and housecleaning were needed. Hastings asked what type of storage were we referencing. Barton commented that publication storage is a problem and usually ends up in the person’s office. Hutton asked about renting local storage units. Could we move to on-demand storage?*

The next question involved the Commons and Lobby areas. The majority said that minor renovations would make it more functional and inviting. Latoya said we could consider charging other offices for our meeting space. Hastings said that the lobby is outdated. Katy suggested a central point of visitation and better signage. Mark Manno commented that most people come in through the Commons, not the front door. Dan suggested we should market ourselves better and showcase talents. Jim Hageman commented about the noise and echo in the Commons is often an issue. Question rose about the front of the building being better exposed.

Next question asked about the farm/greenhouse space/use and what could we do to recover some costs. The majority voted equally to charge for usage and increase sales revenue.

Open discussion/comments ensued. Hastings asked about adding an additional floor to TNS. Jen McDermott said we would have to move a lot of equipment, such as A/C, etc. Dean Rieger mentioned the consideration of an additional wing, and asked which building should be expanded? The majority voted Worrilow over TNS. Dean Rieger asked for reasons why? Alphin commented that engineering issues should be taken into consideration. Mason said we need to look at past suggestions on original blueprints. He also that we need to provide quality classroom space and that costs should be shared with UD. Janine suggested linking the two buildings. Alphin asked about the Girl Scouts building. Rieger said we need to act on acquiring the building by this summer if we want to consider it, but renovations are very expensive and the necessary funds appear less likely to be raised. Dean mentioned that UD police might occupy that space.

Dean Rieger thanked everyone for coming.

The Master Plan meeting today was recorded and can be viewed at http://udel.adobeconnect.com/p7difodpskx/.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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