

SPACE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

January 20, 2010

Attending:

Lowell Rinker, Anand Sankey, Pete Strazdas, Conn Macomber, Patrick Gorenchan, Susan Kamman, Bassam Harik, Barbara McKinney, Alex Enyedi, Diane Anderson, George Kohrman, Juwan Watson, LouAnn Wurst

Anthropology Space Request:

The Department of Anthropology is requesting that Moore room 1071 be re-assigned from the Center for Academic Success Programs to Anthropology for use as a resource room for graduate-level lab courses. The resource room would provide a place for hands-on examination and study of specimens. For several years, Room 1071 and several other adjacent rooms in Moore Hall have been intended to be re-assigned to Anthropology whenever CASP is relocated to Ellsworth Hall. Anthropology has been making do with temporary use of space on the 4th floor of Moore Hall for some of its research labs, but does not have an appropriate temporary space for a graduate resource room. According to the latest project schedule, CASP is supposed to move into Ellsworth Hall in August.

The committee recognizes that the prolonged delay to the relocation project has caused hardship to the programs. The committee recommends that Anthropology meet with the director of CASP and try to find a temporary, shared-space solution.

A hand-out illustrating the proposed space and the formerly approved Anthropology room assignments is attached at the end of this report.

Seita Scholar Program:

The Seita program offices in Faunce are ready for occupant move-in, although a few furnishings are still to be delivered.

Ombuds office:

Work on renovating space in Faunce for the Ombuds office will begin mid-February.

Department of Theatre:

The Theatre Department is still interested in occupying space on the second floor of Kohrman Hall, but is requesting a different mechanism for sharing the cost with Business and Finance than was originally proposed. The details are being worked out. A decision will be made soon.

Ellsworth Hall:

Demolition started on the 3rd floor this week. Renovation of the 3rd floor is scheduled to be complete in May. Extended University programs will move to the 3rd floor from the 1st floor. Work to remodel the vacated space on the 1st floor for CASP will begin immediately after the move.

Archives and Regional History Collections:

The university is still looking at feasibility of all possible sites, including the soon-to-be-vacated Kmart facility on Stadium Drive. The estimated space requirements are 60,000 square feet; the Kmart is about 80,000 square feet.

There is no funding yet to pursue the project past schematic design. Planning meetings will start this month.

Sangren Hall:

Work is continuing into Design Development on the Sangren Hall project. There is no word from the State as to when the Phase 2 capital request will be considered and/or approved. The project design and the decision to proceed with constructing a new facility instead of renovating the existing building will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the February 18 Board meeting. If the State does not authorize any more money for the project, the WMU debt service will be approximately \$4.4 million. If both Phase 1 and Phase 2 are authorized, the WMU debt service will be approximately \$2 million.

Seven firms have been issues RFP's for Construction Manager for the Sangren project. Responses are due on January 25. Finalists will be interviewed on campus. The goal is to have a firm under contract by early March.

The proposed schedule is to start demolition of the large lecture wing in Summer I. The Registrar will be relocating all courses held in the large lecture halls. The Education Library will need to be relocated prior to demolition. The relocation space is still to be determined.

Still under development are ways to deal with occasion excessive noise from the construction site that may disrupt nearby classes, and abatement of construction dust.

Next meeting of the Space Committee will be on February 10 at 9a.m.