Space Allocation Committee
November 12, 2008


Auxiliary Enterprises / Moore Hall / Bernhard Center:
Remodeling has started on Moore Hall 4th floor for Auxiliary Enterprises offices. Remodeling in the Bernhard Center is to start in January.

Office Relocations: Faculty Senate, Turn Two, Diversity and Inclusion
Funding for the office relocations into Trimpe Building and the 4th floor of Moore Hall has been approved.

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion has also submitted another request for office space, not part of the original office relocation, for funded grant positions.

Classroom Seating Study:
The WSA has been considering a proposal to replace tablet arm chairs in classrooms with strip tables and chairs that will better accommodate laptops. Campus Facilities reviewed the classrooms in Brown Hall to give the WSA an estimate of how the total seat count would change depending on the seating style. On average, depending on the individual configuration of the classroom, the number of seats is reduced by one-third when tablet arm chairs are replaced with strip table and chairs.

There are multiple issues involved in the classroom seating problem. Not only is there considerable cost involved with widespread classroom seating changes, but for next several years the university must keep as many classroom seats as possible, and add to the total number, in order to provide replacement classrooms during the Sangren Hall building renovation.

Central Kohrman:
The project will be Substantially Complete by the end of November. The decision has been made to install tablet arm chairs instead of strip tables and chairs in order to keep the seat count as high as possible. There will be a total of four fifty-seat classrooms and one forty-seat classroom. There will be a walk-through for the Registrar and others after Thanksgiving.

University Archives and Regional History Collections:
The university is preparing a Request For Qualifications for an architectural firm to take the project into Schematic Design. This will provide a scope and cost for the project, to be used in the fundraising campaign. The project will be put on hold pending successful fundraising.

Sangren Hall Renovation:
The Sangren Hall Request For Qualifications for an architectural/engineering firm is in progress until December 4. The Building Steering – David Dakin, Bassam Harik, Gary Wegenke, and Alexander Enyedi – will be meeting early December. Chris Pyzik and Glen Harris, project
architects at Campus facilities, are working with Development on promotional materials for fundraising.

Recently Michelle McManus, who will be the next chair of the Senate capital outlay committee, was given a tour of Sangren Hall.

Concerns were raised about the complexity of the Sangren Hall renovation process, how many people, offices, and students would be affected, and how to best communicate all the changes that would be occurring. It was recommended that working with WSA would be helpful in dealing with student concerns and issues.

Next meeting will be December 10, 2008, at 9 a.m. in the President’s Conference Room.