

SPACE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

April 13, 2011

Attending:

Lowell Rinker, Patrick Gorenchan, George Kohrman, Peter Krawutschke, Ariel Anderson, Conn Macomber, Anand Sankey, Pete Strazdas, Susan Kamman, David Dakin, Carrie Cummings, Randy Ott, Diane Anderson

Veterans Upward Bound Program

Randy Ott, Director of the Center for Academic Success Programs, presented information to make the committee aware of the possibility of a new grant program that will need space on campus. He is applying for a five-year grant from the Department of Education TriO Program, the purpose of which is to assist military veterans with their pre-college needs. A handout with more information is included at the end of this report.

It was stated that this type of grant does not allow any monies to be applied to renovation or remodeling costs related to implementing the grant program. Randy will be attending training sessions for the grant in July and will get more information then. He will keep Patrick Gorenchan up-to-date with information about the grant requirements.

Office of Sustainability

Conn Macomber has met with Harold Glasser and Lowell Rinker to discuss and agree on the final scope of the project to renovate the Upholstery Shop for sustainability offices. Construction is ready to start on the building envelope. The project will be complete in August. The occupants will be able to move into the building prior to the start of fall semester.

Bernhard Center

Megee Printing Solutions, currently on the ground floor across from Campus Trends, will be relocated next to Campus Trends in the current Roe-Comm Sprint Store. Bronco Express will relocate from the main level of the Bernhard Center to the current Megee Printing area across from Campus Trends on the ground floor of the Bernhard Center.

Knauss

All parties have agreed to relocate band instrument storage from 2500 Knauss Hall to 2233 Kohrman and remodel the space in Knauss for the new Center for Humanities. The remodeling project is expected to be complete in August. Some work is being done in Kohrman to make the space appropriate for instrument storage.

New Sangren Hall Construction

The last section of steel is under construction and will finish mid-May, two weeks ahead of schedule. The southwest entrance of old Sangren Hall will be closed and pedestrian pathways relocated slightly westward of the building due to site and utility work. The SW entrance is expected to be closed through both summer semesters and possibly into fall semester. All classrooms in the building will remain in use.

Classroom Space

All classes for fall semester have been scheduled. There are no classes scheduled in McCracken Hall. Remodeling upgrades to Dunbar Hall classrooms will continue.

Next meeting:

Presentations on the Archives and Lee Honors College projects

The next meeting will be May 11 at 9 a.m. in the Faculty Lounge in the Bernhard Center.

Veterans Upward Bound Program

Randy Ott, Director Center for Academic Success Programs

Dept of Education TRiO Program

Five year grant funding cycle averaging \$275,000 per year.

Serving a minimum of 120 precollege veterans per year.

Program provides an array of academic and personal services for veterans who are about to enter college or postsecondary education; serves as a bridge between military and college or university life.

Participants must meet the criteria of low-income (federal guidelines) and or first generation.

Currently 47 projects are funded. One in Michigan (Wayne State University).

Does not pay for post secondary education.

Contacts at Battle Creek VA have indicated no issues reaching the 120 participants. Vocational rehabilitation in GR, Lansing, and Battle Creek has expressed strong interest and assistance in marketing.

National Organization (support)

The National Association of Veterans Upward Bound Project Personnel (NAVUBPP) is the professional association for Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) staff personnel. Veterans Upward Bound projects, supported by NAVUBPP, are dedicated to fully developing the personal potential of all U.S. military veterans, just as NAVUBPP is dedicated to fully developing professional staff members who work with VUB's veterans.

Call for proposals expected this fall with award announcements spring 2012.

Principal grant authors will be Tracey Moon and Randy Ott. Committee currently forming.

*We do not know how many total grants will be funded.

July training offered by Council for Opportunity in Education.

WMU Space Projected Needs:

4 Offices for professional staff
1 dedicated instruction space

*Establishing a true WMU Center for Military and Veterans Affairs