

Project: Freeborn Hall
Project # 2829570
Work Group Meeting

Monday, February, 10th, 2014
4:00pm-5:00pm
MU DeCarli Room

Attendees

Greg Secor
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John Campbell
Star Bacon

Carly Sandstrom
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Elena Atanasiu
Abigail Selya

Mile Thomas
Miranda Bard
Anne Myler
Janice Corbett

Meeting Minutes

Introductions

Scheduling Future Meetings

- Kim Lake is collecting student schedules to coordinate future meetings that conflict less with classes.

Project Process Diagram

- We are currently in the Project Definition phase of the project. Tasks in this phase include:
 - Identifying Building Needs
 - Hiring Programming Consultant
 - Developing a Project Schedule

Round table Discussion- What is your vision for future use and needs of Freeborn Hall?

Lina

- There is a need on campus for a space that is similar to the current assembly space. A space that offers:
 - A home for campus-run events and large annual events
 - A Stage
 - A capacity of 500 individuals for a dining event
 - A capacity of 1,600 individuals for a seated event
- In comparison to Freeborn Hall, the Ballroom and Conference Center offer smaller spaces that cost more to rent.

Kabir

- Would like to see services currently located in the basement of Freeborn Hall brought up to ground level.
- A new building could build upward and provide more open space for student services.
- The California Aggie currently located in the basement of Freeborn does not have access to Wi-Fi or 3G service for cell phones.

Miranda

- Student groups need practice or rehearsal space that supports the main assembly room.
- Ideally the practice space would have a sprung floor & mirrors on walls like lower Freeborn 5 (which is always booked).
- Currently groups are rehearsing in the plaza or parking garage because of the lack of the space.
- This space would also need dedicated lockers.

Carly

- There is a need on campus for a venue for shows and events.
- The venue space should be able to accommodate 1,100 people and not look half empty when at capacity.
- Currently in Freeborn Hall security for concert events is too restrictive. A new venue space would help alleviate security concerns.
- Units currently located in the basement of Freeborn need better transparency.
- Wi-Fi access should be made available to these units as well.
- The first floor of the new building would be an interactive space
- Would still like to see a pub at the first floor level.
- The Chancellor's 2020 initiative will increase the student population by 5,000 students. A new building could be considered an extension of the MU to accommodate the increased student traffic.

Janice

- Technology is a concern when transitioning units from the existing building.
- The Radio station, KDVS, which is currently located in the basement of Freeborn, has equipment that is unique to their space. A plan is needed to minimize impact to their functions.
- KDVS also a large analog archive which needs to be digitized.

Anne

- There is definite need to provide venue space for student groups.
- Any unit displaced during the transition to a new building will need a new home.

Abigail

- The typical student living in the Residence Halls does not know what is in lower Freeborn.
- The student image of the lower Freeborn space is described as “scary.”
- Functions located at the basement level should be brought to the first floor.
- The assembly space can be thought of as multipurpose and be used for lectures as well as events.
- Basement space can be used for the functions that do not require windows.

Miles

- Has hosted events in Freeborn Hall and has polled users of space.
- More student groups would like to use space, but can't because of cost is too high or the process of procuring the space is difficult.
- The assembly space needs to be flexible.
- The active student life needs a space.

Emily

- All displaced units in the Freeborn will find a new home.
- Can envision a new building that is 3 stories that would include space:
 - For increased Division needs
 - For increased need for Student Affairs Services
 - For increased access to Student Affairs leadership
 - To accommodate future growth
 - For a venue that accommodates large dinner events

Star

- The new building should increase access for the greater student body
- Increase meeting space for smaller groups.
- Allow for more retail opportunities.

Elena

- Elena is a 2nd year graduate student and has not been to building.
- Graduate students tend to stay near their place of study.

John

- Agrees with group's comments
- The building can be a Student Service Center anchored by Student Affairs
 - Need to replace the assembly space
 - Expand ASUCD home base to increase awareness
 - Expand CSI home base to increase awareness

Follow-Up Comments

- Increase ASUCD space
- Create a transparent place for student groups
- Designate a home base for the Center for Student Involvement
- Regroup displace units
- Make the space feel more accessible to the greater student body. Many students do not realize that they are allowed on the 3rd and 4th floor of the MU.
- A café and or food component would be great addition to the space
- Want to establish the new building an icon that can be recognized from Russell Blvd.
- Create more opportunities for group displays, such as locations for display cases where groups can represent themselves in a tangible/ physical way.
- Fairs that are currently held in pavilion would be able to move to the new building so that the Pavilion can be used for its original intention.
- Think of the building as a student life center.
- You feel good when walking into Student Services Center. You don't have that experience in the existing Freeborn basement. The new building needs to create a positive feel.
- Student ownership is essential and that happens when students are proud of the space.

Next Steps

- Develop scope description for programming consultant
- Select screening committee
- Advertise request for qualifications(RFQ) for programming consultant