Space Allocation Committee Meeting
May 10, 2006

Attending:
Ron Davis, Barbara McKinney, Wendy Ford, Patrick Gorenchan, Evie Asken, Susan Kamman, Robert Beam, John Goes, Conn Macomber, David Dakin, Leonard Ginsberg, Diane Anderson

Ellsworth Hall:  
Julie Lenczycki (Campus Facilities) and Ron Davis are coordinating the final plans for Ellsworth Hall relocations. Planning for minor renovations that are not dependant on final furnishings determinations are going forward. The furnishings for DMA will not be finalized until Dr. Bailey has a decision on the Steelcase furniture donation.

Mr. Beam requested a sequence for all the remodeling projects.

The Graduate College relocation from Walwood is dependent on CELSIS relocating from the lower level to the second floor. Funding for this move is not settled.

Henry Hall: Conn Macomber
Conn is coordinating the relocation of the Student Academic and Institutional Research offices into Henry Hall. The project will be complete in the next few weeks. Institutional Research has moved out of Seibert and all TCom is complete.

Seibert Administration Building: Conn Macomber
Institutional Research has moved out and minor remodeling is being done to accommodate General Counsel, Business Services, and Internal Audit.

Work will start June 1 to ready the vacated spaces for the Admissions relocation.

Biodiesel research facilities: David Dakin
The intention is to house the research in the Kilgore Road Aeronautical Engineering buildings although the Pilot Plant on the Parkview Campus was also considered. Among the issues to consider are what processes will be taking place, how and when the research will progress to a commercial application, and what are the code restrictions that apply.

The Kilgore road facilities will also be suitable to house the ASTM lab that is needed to verify the purity of the diesel project, as well as some offices.

Housing Master Plan:
Evie Asken and Diane Anderson are awaiting the final report from the consultants that will include recommendations and estimated costs. The intention is to present this at the next Board Meeting.
**Bernhard Center:** Evie Asken  
Planning is underway to install a “one-stop” student services location in the Bernhard Center. The Neumann Smith architects are working on potential schemes and should have first draft drawings soon.

Planning to remodel the bowling alley for the Bookstore textbook functions is underway. Ray Wolfram of Campus Construction is working with the Neumann Smith architect and with bookstore manager Terry Hudson.

A priority has been given to creating a public corridor between the north entrance of the Bernhard Center (at the residence hall dining rooms) and the public space on the main level of the Bernhard Center. However, it may not be financially feasible to do this at the same time as the One-Stop and Bookstore projects, and may need to be delayed one year.

New tenants are being considered for the retail space vacated by MacDonald’s and Little Caesar’s, including but not limited to Taco Bell and Pizza Hut. A Beaner’s coffee shop is being looked at as well. Dining Services is also looking at converting the main BC cafeteria to a cash-op food service.

A Master Plan for the long-term use of the Bernhard Center has also started, but much of the current activities, such as work on the One-Stop, are independent of this. There are many building issues, such as upgrades or replacements of the mechanical systems, food services and kitchens, which require master planning to reach a solution that works for the entire building.

**Brown Hall Class Relocations:**  
Barb McKinney is in the process of trying to solve the AudioVisual needs of the language classes that are being relocated into several different classroom building.

David Dakin reports that asbestos abatement has started and that when all the documents are finalized the project will be ready to bid.

**Chemistry Classroom Building:**  
The building schedule for total completion is still in jeopardy with the main issue being late delivery of lab furnishings. The architects Holabird and Root are preparing an estimate of the schedule and costs to force an on-time completion. The University will then determine what to accept. A decision has to be made by July 1.

The Fire Marshall has been consulted, and the building is approved for occupancy as long as all building systems and emergency systems are functioning, even is some of the labs are not completely furnished.
**Other:**
The floors are being poured in the Richmond Center.

The Sindecuse Pharmacy renovations will be finished in December

The Stadium Drive Apartments #1 are scheduled to be razed after the tenants move out in August.

The reconstruction of the upper tennis courts (Sorensen Courts) will be completed in June. The reconstruction of the lower courts plus construction of a service building and bleachers are a separate project that required a Use and Finance submittal and State approval. The project also requires demolition of Goldsworth Valley Apartments Y and Z, which are currently vacant.

Demolition of all the Goldsworth Valley Apartments will likely occur next year. A project to construct new soccer fields for athletics and recreational use in the Goldsworth Valley is in planning.

**Plaza Design Charrette:** Evie Asken
WMU is sponsoring design charrette on May 19 to generate concepts for the re-design of the Arts Plaza by Miller Auditorium and for the West Michigan ‘corridor’ that runs from the Student Rec Center to Haenicke Hall. Four teams will participate, each including representative from area architecture firms, architecture students, and WMU students. WMU Campus Planning, Campus Architecture, and Landscape Services staff will assist. Additional information will be provided by Phil VanderWeg, Director of the School of Art, and Chris Lester, a civil engineer with Fishbeck Thompson Carr & Huber.

**Teams:**
- Allegretti Associates and Andrews University students
- DSA Architects and Lawrence Tech students
- Hamilton Anderson and University of Detroit Mercy students
- Progressive AE and University of Michigan students

**NOTICE:**
The summer orientation and admissions staff need to be aware of all the sidewalk closings and the alternative walkways in order to conduct the orientation tours.

The next meeting is June 14 at 8:30a.m. in the President’s conference room.