Minutes: Space Committee Meeting August 20, 2005


Old Business – Sindecuse discussion:

Diane Anderson presented and distributed a report from Carol Eddy on the immediate needs and longer-term needs for the Sindecuse Health Center. The principal concerns listed are expanding the Sport Medicine areas into the Health Promotions offices, due to the contracted physicians refusing to renew their contract without improvements; and the relocation of the displaced Health Promotions areas. Susan Kamman and Patrick Gorenchan will meet with Carol Eddy to further discuss the issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Brown Hall update: WMU Planning and Architecture staff and the professionals from TMP Associates, the architectural firm hired for the Brown Hall renovation, have started programming and planning meetings with the Facilities Committee (Arnie Johnson, Ellen Brinkley, Steve Rhodes, Jon VanderMeer, Jorge Febles, Cynthia Running-Johnson, Jahan Aghdai, and Wendy Ford). Among the issues being addressed are classroom size, type of classroom furnishings, and special needs such as film studies. Relocating the Brown Hall classes during construction is still being evaluated but recommendations will be shared at the next meeting. The issues relating to possible use of the Little Theatre for both temporary and long-term scheduling of film classes was discussed and will be pursued.

Kohrman Hall update: The President has determined that a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Arboretum Apartments will be used for renovations to Kohrman Hall. The Kohrman Hall project will include a total building review to update infrastructure and general classrooms, remodel the South Bar for the School of Art, move Industrial Design out of the South Bar into the center wing, move the Visual Resources Library from Sangren, and finish the white-box spaces in the Richmond Center for Visual Art.

Residence Halls: Funds from the Arboretum sale will also go into a project to renovate the Eldridge-Fox Residence Halls. This will serve as a prototype for future residence hall upgrades. Diane Anderson explained that the long-term goal for campus housing is to plan for housing the majority of freshman, approximately 20% of sophomores, and the international student population.

The next meeting will be September 14, 2005, beginning at 8:30a.m. in the President’s conference room. Topics of discussion will include Brown Hall, Kohrman Hall, and Haenicke Hall.