East Campus Residence Hall (ECRH) Project
February 20, 2009, User Group Meeting: Notes
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- Welcome, User Group Meeting 02/06/09 notes – comments?
  - No comments on meeting notes

- Space Planning
  **Adjacency diagrams** (tabled due to lack of time)

  **Residential unit configurations** (please also refer to Whiteboard notes)
  - Where do students sleep, bathe, have social interactions, eat, study, etc?
  - Variety of solutions are possible.
  - **Existing unit types**
  - Current UO housing stock has a majority of double-occupancy rooms designed to house freshmen.
  - This type of configuration and the 1st year experience seem to work well.
  - There are a much smaller percentage of student residents that would be interested in a variety of different housing or unit configuration types.
  - Living Learning Center has six single occupancy rooms that are highly sought after, are only offered to upper-level students and are always full. Two of these single occupancy rooms share a bathroom.
  - Barnhardt Hall has a private room and bathroom configuration. In the past this Hall has been very full, however since the Living Learning Center was built the occupancy at this Hall has gone down. Factors contributing to this appear to be proximity and cost.
  - Carson and Reilly Halls have 150-sf double occupancy rooms with sink and shared toilet. These rooms are very popular.
  - **Possible unit types**
  - If want to promote sequence staged independence housing types and retaining upper level students in university housing need to push thinking about what some of the viable unit types are
  - Stage independence is a rite of passage; upper level students do not want to be housed with freshmen, need to be separated by level, building wing or building; need seems related more to amount of separation, not so much about type of room. For example Carson Hall has a ‘penthouse’ on the fifth floor that houses upper level students only. This is very popular even though the room configurations are no different from those on lower floors.
  - Whatever is chosen must work for university staff, variety with control.
- Also must be affordable – careful consideration of cost vs. space is required.
- Options include singles, doubles, triples, etc. with a shared toilet rooms.
- Style most often selected at UO is enhanced doubles – these are units that have 3-4 occupants per toilet room.
- Also very popular are single occupancy rooms.
- Living space behind a closed door is not good if accommodating a freshman population (parties and cooking hazards).
- Something between Bean Hall and Barnhardt Hall units could work well, would still work to accommodate freshmen and could be appealing to upper level students.
- Important to have a mix with shared areas that are identifiable to specific populations – sense of having ‘choice’ is very important.
- Unit types should be easily convertible and therefore flexible; plumbing and mechanical systems should be carefully located to allow for future changes.
- Singles and doubles all the way to semi-suite unit configurations seem to be good fits. Not full suite configurations.

**Next Steps, Homework**

Review how to score qualifications and consultant packets distributed.

**Other**

- Sustainability
- How is the User Group going to address this?
- During project need to review long-term building life costs vs. initial project costs
- How will sustainability be integrated into the building as a student teaching tool?
- What are our own environmental values?

**Next meeting:**

- February 24 from 3:00-4:30 Walton Hall, Dyment Room – Shortlisting
- March 6 from 10:00-11:00 Walton Hall, Dyment Room