

## **MEETING NOTES**

Meeting Date: May 4, 2009 Project: UO Lewis Integrative Science Building

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Re : Coordinating User Group – Schematic Design Meeting 3

Present:

User Group Members
Helen Neville
George Sprague
Rick Glover
Deitrich Belitz
Lou Moses (co-chair)
Mike Haley
Richard Taylor
Corey Griffin

**UO Representatives** Emily Eng

Consultants

Roger Snyder, HDR Thom Hacker, THA Chuck Cassell, HDR Becca Cavell, THA

## **Summary Notes**

Mike Jefferis

- The design team briefly commented on the project schedule, noting that we will know more about ground breaking dates once we have a contractor. The current goal is for groundbreaking is June 2010. Design will continue through the summer; Chuck will need to work closely with the scientists to clarify their lab designs this summer (the Design Development phase runs from July through November). Emily will start requesting vacation schedules.
- 2. The elevator and stair core in the SE corner may affect the proposed space assignment for Mat/Phy in the basement, and complex issues concerning the basement layout are under review.
  - The elevator electrical signal may interfere with sensitive equipment in LISB and/or Lokey
  - The visual presence of the stair/shear wall conflicts with the desire for an open and collaborative environment.
  - The Streisinger mechanical room is next to the proposed lab area and may be a source of EMI. One option may be to switch the mechanical and lab space, but this creates other challenges including air distribution and space adjacencies.
  - An elevator or lift near the building entry is necessary for Universal Access.
  - The first floor corridor is not required by code, but an elevator located to the east of the entry would require this corridor be constructed (rather than used for expansion space).
  - The team will explore various options for the elevator.
- 3. Building service: general building loading will occur at the Streisinger dock; deliveries may enter LISB at the front door. At this point, the animal facility will be serviced to the northwest. Garbage may be managed at Streisinger or Oregon Hall.
- 4. Floor Plan Updates:
  - The elevator near the building's NW service area is no longer required because this service area is now used only by the animal facility.
  - A vestibule has been added to the main entry, and furniture is now shown in the public spaces.
  - Planters are shown in front of offices at the second floor atrium to create a privacy screen; Maintenance of plants is TBD.

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- 5. Connections to Streisinger are shown on all floors, including across the roof level to Klamath. The connection to Deschutes is likely to occur only at the second floor due to the challenge of different floor heights; a third floor connection would result in the loss of some assigned program area in LISB. The Streisinger roof connection is still being studied and recent findings show it may be a challenge. This will be part of the cost estimate.
- 6. The bench lab layouts are still shown generically. Two bays / 4 lab modules remain as placeholders for the Informatics program area.
- 7. Becca noted that the upcoming meetings will include a review of the allocated private offices for staff, faculty and students. If there is too much office space, informatics could be moved to the south side. Users were asked to validate the number of offices for faculty and post-docs.
- 8. Thom reviewed the site plan and showed a pair of images of the overall building massing. He emphasized that these are NOT intended to imply any building architecture or appearance, but rather show the scale and siting of the building. The building facade will be brick.
- 9. Thom showed some interior images that begin to convey a sense of space (not architecture). The skylight over the atrium is being studied; the images show a series of alternating skylights that bring both south and north light into the space. A study is underway to calculate foot candle availability in the interior spaces.
- 10. A series of conference rooms are shown at the east end of the atrium; glass walls could allow views of the Grand Oaks to be enjoyed from the atrium. Smaller conference rooms are located on the north side of the south bar, in shifting locations. These project slightly into the atrium, and glass walls would allow daylight to be borrowed from the atrium into the office corridor.
- 11. The group agreed that a café is desirable. Feasibility and UO permission is TBD. Other options may include a kitchenette area that could also support the conference rooms and the public space for events, or perhaps a coffee cart. Scheduled operation times might bring scientist together in an informal way. Many faculty cross Franklin to the coffee shop on the north side.
- 12. Informatics: Helen noted that Cog/Neuro does its own Informatics. Chuck noted that the program identifies 500 SF for the visualization lab; both conference rooms shown are smaller. This will be studied in more detail with the Informatics User Group.
- 13. Specialist consultants coming on board: RFI/EMI, Vibration, and Wind studies.
- 14. Design team has committed to identify existing rooms to compare to proposed rooms with respect to area.
- 15. Chuck asked Mat/Phy for clarity about technical design goals, noting that you can't design for an open ended future. Mike noted that pinning the group down on this issue will be a challenge.
- 16. The design team will be meeting with the Campus Planning Committee (CPC) to address a number of sensitive issues expressed at the beginning of the planning process. Both Thom and Chuck noted that the various external pressures that are driving this building arrangement on its site, as well as internal performance requirements, are particularly complex.
- 17. Meeting adjourned at 11:20.

**END OF NOTES** 

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