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MEETING NOTES

Meeting Date : May 4, 2009	Project : UO Lewis Integrative Science Building
Author : Becca Cavell	Job No. : THA Project 0810
Re : Programming Meeting - Informatics	

Present:

User Group Members
John Conery, CIS
Brian Westra, UO Libraries
Patrick Phillps, Biology
Marina Guenza, Chemistry
Anthony Hornof, CIS

UO Representatives
Emily Eng

Consultants
Chuck Cassell, HDR
Becca Cavell, THA

Summary Notes

1. Becca updated the group on the project status and building design. The various program components, their locations, public space, service space and connections to adjacent buildings were all discussed.
2. The placeholder location for informatics is in the northern bench lab area, but everyone understands that this is not the best use of technical lab space. Ideally Informatics would be located on the second floor at the joint between the east and west wings, close to the bridge connection to Deschutes Hall. A second less desirable location would be adjacent to the main entry; this has the benefit of good light control (i.e. no windows). The design team will be working with the other user groups to clarify the number of private offices needed, and to see if the south side may have some extra space.
3. John will be meeting with small groups of building users over the next 4-5 weeks to clarify needs for Informatics in LISB.
4. Many Informatics meetings will be small impromptu groups of 2-3 people. If small conference rooms or even offices are equipped with good hardware, these should be easy to manage.
5. The programmed "Cyberlab" is sized at 500 SF. This seems too large for the anticipated visualization meetings of up to 15 people. Design team will suggest smaller size; perhaps multiple rooms.
6. The second floor connection to Deschutes is essential. Locating Computer Science grad students in LISB will help with interdisciplinary interactions; there has to be a compelling reason to bring faculty together. The Colloquium room and registrar-scheduled classroom on the second floor of Deschutes will become very accessible to LISB through the new connection.
7. Patrick is working on an NIH grant due in July, which might bring a Genomics component to LISB. Ideally this would occupy part of the "available" bench lab space on the second floor, close to Informatics.
8. Becca asked how Informatics could help serve the best possible scientific outcomes. One possibility might be to bring Data Curation to LISB; this would involve the archiving and preservation of information. Brian Westra was recently hired to take on this role, which currently happens at a local level.
9. Chuck asked if anyone saw any fatal flaws in the current approach to the building layout. None were noted.

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10. Anthony described a student study area with a semi-circle of students sharing a table and an LCD screen with a wireless keyboard and mouse. Becca described some booth seating that has been designed for UO's College of Education that supports a similar function of informal learning.
11. Patrick noted that thesis defense and Journal Club are two more functions that could be supported by the larger meeting spaces. Weekly lab meetings typically draw up to 15 people.
12. Meeting adjourned at 12:15

END OF NOTES

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