HDR THA ARCHITECTURE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Date :	January 13, 2009	Project :	UO Lewis Integrative Science Building
Author	: Becca Cavell	Job No. :	THA Project 0810
Re	: Informatics User Group Programming Meeting 1		

Present:

User Group Members	**UO Representatives**
John Conery - CSI	Fred Tepfer
Patrick Phillips - Biology	Emily Eng
Chuck Theabald - LCNI	
Andrzej Proskurowski – Computer Science	**Consultants**
	Chuck Cassell, HDR, lab planning principal
	Regina Filipowicz, HDR, lab planner
	Becca Cavell, THA project manager
	Laurie Canup, THA project architect

Summary Notes

1.1 John described computation as the glue for integrative science. Not just a 1,600 SF activity, but cutting across all aspects of the new building. This is an activity that unites everyone, and that could bring everyone together. This should be an identifiable place – a go-to place for campus.

1.2 Becca suggested a storefront concept, and John said that a help desk would be a strong component. The center can act as a sort of matchmaker, bringing together people who collectively can search for solutions to research problems.

1.3 The current program area summary from Campus Planning includes the following spaces:
- Under bioinformatics, 400 ASF
- Under computational and information services, for the Neuroinformatics Center (NIC) 750 ASF for offices and 500 ASF for a "cyberlab".

1.4 The NIC is under Al Malony's purview.

1.5 The Cyberlab was part of a miniproposal authored by several of those present.

1.6 Deschutes Hall houses 20,000 ASF computer science department. This includes a Visioning Lab. Ideally the informatics space in the new building would be located close to a connection to Deschutes.

1.7 The group discussed the relative merits of distribution versus consolidation.

1.8 Because of the relatively small program area it was agreed that consolidation was the best option. John suggested trying to leverage additional area from other departments in the new building, as the new center will act as a service support system to everyone.

1.9 The Cyberlab idea was discussed.
- No instructional space to be provided
- Room for demonstrations, visualization and workshops
- A room or rooms to accommodate meetings for 10, 20 or even 30 people is needed.
- Offices can support meetings up to 3 people total
- The large meeting room can be a Visioning Lab [question: can existing vis lab be repurposed?]
- Teleconferencing would be good
- The cyberlab can act as "bait" to attract people to the informatics center

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1.10   The group was concerned that there may not be enough human capital present to support the storefront concept. John proposed four or five offices (currently 300 SF apparently programmed for offices)

1.11   Becca wondered if the cyberlab could host lab meetings. Each lab has a weekly meeting for 6-12 people. Meetings last approximately 1.5 hours. If the cyberlab was scheduled for these meetings it might not be available for other uses.

1.12   Project incubator spaces – could be part of role of NIC

1.13   Tour to be scheduled of existing Visioning Lab in Deschutes.

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