

Bio Teaching Lab Group Meeting Notes

Held: April 24, 2009
In Attendance: Alan Kelly, Carl Stiefbold, Brendan Bohannon, Peter Wetherwax,
Fred Tepfer (Planning), Emily Eng (Planning)
Invited: Karen Guillemin, George Sprague
Subject: Bio Teaching Lab Remodel, Diagrams and Discussion

Desk layout(s):

- Desks against wall impedes access for some students
- Aisle access is important
- Could consider groupings besides 4
- Chairs near “stuff” is not ideal
- If too close to front (or headwall), hard to see
- Table in corner?

Perimeter:

- No fixed stuff at walls except sink
- Would like multiple projectors
- Projectors used for limited periods in class
- Consider:
 - Multiple headwalls
 - Headwall not at front
 - Task boards at doors or elsewhere besides front
 - Closing off one door
 - How to use corners

Activity:

- General Bio- Travel to stuff varies
- Could change configurations on week to week basis (i.e., for presentations)
- Micro doesn't use hoods often
- Informal gathering depends on the lab
- Need printer station

Utilities:

- Consider instructor-controlled air flow (exhaust)
- Middle outlets tend to divide work surface

Other Items Desired:

- Coat and backpack storage at desk; and/or
- Cubbies

Agreement:

- Want flexible and movable furniture for General Bio Lab
- Movable furniture not necessarily ideal for Micro Lab

Group HW:

- What might we be doing in 10 years?
- Octagonal tables are good because students are not back to back, but consider drawbacks.