Bio Teaching Lab Group
Meeting Notes

Held: June 8, 2009
In Attendance: Alan Kelly, Carl Stiefbold, Brendan Bohannan, Peter Wetherwax, Karen Guillemin, Fred Tepfer (Planning), Emily Eng (Planning)
Invited: George Sprague
Subject: Bio Teaching Lab Remodel, Revised Diagrams (and Next Steps?)

Background:
Comments from the April 24th meeting were incorporated into the diagrams shown at today's meeting. The goal of today's meeting was to discuss the pros/cons of the different layouts, refine our ideas for this project and discuss next steps.

Comments on General Biology Layout:
• 6 ft long X 2.5 ft deep is adequate per lab bench for 2 students
• Benches should not be less than 2 ft deep
• Breakout space is less important for General Bio (than Advanced)
• Desire access to both sides of display tables
• 3 ft aisles are good
• Prefer outlets recessed in floor (although issues) to overhead outlets
• Where should scopes be stored?
• Generally prefer “Lab 6” layout (See attachment)

Comments on Advanced Biology Layout:
• Want common workspace/counterspace
• Need room for incubators
• Micro benches should:
  o Be tall enough for students to stand and use scopes
  o Have room to accompany computers (1 laptop per 2 students)
  o Have gas, electricity & water
• Generally prefer “Lab 1” layout (See attachment)

General Comments:
• What projection distance is best for students?
• 90 degree projection seems desirable
• It’s important to be able to write on board and project at the same time
• Scientists generally prefer chalkboards over white boards
• Groups of 6 may not work so well
• Don’t know about back-to-back chairs
• What about windows into the lab?
• Consider square tables?
• Are there opportunities to visit other labs in the area?

Next Steps:
• Discuss game plan with George Sprague
• Another group meeting to discuss/refine vision?

Notetaker: EE