Bio Teaching Lab Group
Meeting Notes

Held: April 24, 2009

In Attendance: Alan Kelly, Carl Stiefbold, Brendan Bohannan, 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:
  o Multiple headwalls
  o Headwall not at front
  o Task boards at doors or elsewhere besides front
  o Closing off one door
  o 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.