Erb Memorial Union Expansion and Renovation
Campus Planning Committee – Check-in Meeting #3
April 25, 2013

Project Description
Since the project was last presented to the Campus Planning Committee in March 2012, a positive student referendum was achieved in Fall 2012. The project presented today is the result of a new approved student fee, the removal of the Concert Hall from the project’s program and design and a reduced total project budget. The redesigned Erb Memorial Union project still includes substantial renovation of the 1950’s wing of the building, including preservation of sections most compelling historically and architecturally, and demolition and replacement of the 1970’s wing. The vision is to create a new university center by providing programs, services, and spaces that are fully aligned and support the academic mission and values of the institution.

The renovated EMU will promote engagement of campus constituencies—students, faculty, and staff—and provide a venue to welcome the public into our campus. It will support educational, social, and recreational initiatives that engage faculty and staff and spark the intellectual curiosity of students. The renovated EMU will host expanded activities during evenings and weekends, activate the heart of campus, and contribute to the overall residential quality of campus. The future EMU will play an elevated role in recruitment and retention of students, and will serve as the home base for student government and student multicultural programs, both occupying prominently featured spaces. The EMU will demonstrate high quality design and use of materials, and showcase sustainability and technology achievement in support of student scholarly expression. The new EMU will feature formal and informal public spaces that are welcoming to campus and community constituencies, and announce the EMU as the central hearth for campus.

In supplement to other current building uses, special attention will be directed to the design of the following functional spaces/areas:

- Student organizational space to include a variety of centers or suites, student union spaces, and shared student organization space that extends the building’s capacity to support ASUO recognized student organizations.
- Expanded conference facilities to accommodate campus departmental or professional organization gatherings, as well as public conference use to generate income and help reduce reliance on student fees.
- Added meeting space for general student and campus department use.
- A computer lab and extended smart building infrastructure.
- Expanded retail foods and general retail space.
- A campus pub with food and beverage service appropriately placed within the building to facilitate social gatherings and celebrations commensurate with the building’s heart of campus location.
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- Public spaces commensurate with a major university building and campus university center adequate to support high volume daily use, large performances, conferences, exhibits, and display of art.

The existing EMU is approximately 223,000 gross square feet and the proposed EMU Expansion and Renovation is anticipated to be 233,000 gross square feet total building project.

*Campus Plan Policies and Patterns*

The following pages contain a list of Campus Plan policies and patterns. As described in the Plan, patterns in **bold typeface** must be considered for every project. Every pattern in this list must be discussed with the user group during the design process, and designs may be evaluated using this list as a tool.

Policies:

POLICY 2: OPEN-SPACE FRAMEWORK – Designated open spaces, pedestrian pathways, trees
POLICY 3: DENSITIES
POLICY 4: SPACE USE AND ORGANIZATION
POLICY 5: REPLACEMENT OF DISPLACED USES – Craft Center’s outdoor courtyard
POLICY 6: MAINTENANCE AND BUILDING SERVICE – Service area and access
POLICY 7: ARCHITECTURAL STYLE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
POLICY 8: UNIVERSAL ACCESS
POLICY 9: TRANSPORTATION – pedestrians and bikes
POLICY 10: SUSTAINABLE DESIGN
POLICY 11: PATTERNS
POLICY 12: DESIGN AREA SPECIAL CONDITIONS – Design Area E, Student Services and Academics

Patterns:

**LARGE SCALE CAMPUS:**

- **Universal Access**
- **Open-space Framework**
- **Outdoor Classroom**
- **Promenade**
- **Open University**

**Sustainable Development**

- **Welcoming to All**
- **Campus Trees**
- **Good Neighbor**

**TRANSPORTATION:**

- **Local Transport Area**
- **Paths and Goals**
- **Pedestrian Pathways**
- **Shielded Parking and Service Areas**

- **Bike Paths, Racks, and Lockers**
- **Road Crossings**
- **Spillover Parking**
SITE ARRANGEMENT:

- Site Repair
- Existing Uses/Replacement
- South Facing Outdoors
- Main Building Entrance
- Seat Spots
- Tree Places
- Accessible Green
- Public Outdoor Room
- Activity Nodes

- Use Wisely What We Have
- Positive Outdoor Space
- Quiet Backs
- Building Complex
- Family of Entrances
- Water Quality
- Local Sports
- Small Public Squares

BUILDING DESIGN:

- Four-story Limit
- Building Character & Campus Context
- Operable Windows
- Future Expansion
- Wholeness of Project
- Quality of Light
- Building Hearth
- Public Gradient
- Fabric of Departments
- Faculty-Student Mix
- Enough Storage
- Access to Water

- Architectural style
- Arcades
- Flexibility and Longevity
- Pools of Light
- Wings of Light
- Organizational Clarity
- Office Connections
- Classroom Distribution
- No Signs Needed
- Places to Wait
- Connected Building
- Sitting Walls
EXISTING FOOTPRINT
PROPOSED FOOTPRINT