

EMU Expansion & Renovation Project User Meeting 1 notes - 2 March 2011

Let's imagine that this project has been built and occupied, and ask a few questions about its impact.

What is this new EMU?

Intellectually vibrant, exciting
Inspires intellectual and social activity
EMU is the heart of campus, welcoming to all
Esthetically pleasing
Working building, not a museum
Open, bright, exciting
THE campus hearth
Modern, spectacular
Center for student engagement, a working lab
Model for sustainable building
Airy, open
People are happy to be in it, they want to come here
The destination
Diverse offerings
Multipurpose, social spaces, hub
Attractive, functional structure
Accessible, green design. Very "wired"
Welcoming, not too formal, not too casual
Fits in campus context
Forward thinking
Destination, not a grab-and-go
Visible activities
Encourages diversity of interests
Planned to accommodate the next phase of growth
Sustainable
Heart of campus
Program space that fosters collaboration
Second home for students
Utilizes technology
Hub of activity, exciting
Multicultural events
Events at all times
Extracurricular activities
Outstanding food
Great place to relax
Set standard for sustainability and for flexibility
Sustainable
Flexible
Long hours of use
Paths through the building, not around
Well-organized, easy to find way through
Connecting hub for campus

People travel through it
Accessible to visitors
Spatial variety, spaces for group and individual use and study
Wireless
Actively sustainable
Cohesive
User-friendly
Uniquely Oregon

What is the new EMU's effect on the UO community?

A place for everyone: students, faculty, staff, visitors
Accessible
Night-time focus, a place for after hours
Extends learning outside the classroom
It's the "downtown" holding the campus together
"Go to" place
Has a post office!
Creates more pride in the UO as an institution, it's the UO place
A place for everyone - all students, faculty, staff, visitors
Diverse activities to supplement academics: conferences, off-campus visitors
Be on everyone's "to do" list
Destination for larger non-UO community: "Hey, it's Saturday, let's check out what's in the EMU!"
Name is an Australian bird? Name of building, of complex going forward
EMU = place where the campus builds community
= place where the campus builds culture, fosters more culture, enrichments

What's the new EMU's effect on programs and services?

Better programs, services
Adaptable for different groups
Showcases programs (e.g. don't put the Multicultural Center at the back of the basement)
Integrate and support academics creatively
Multi-use spaces to support large number and variety of programs with flexibility for change
Blended spaces and functions
San Jose library example: library blends into community group space
EMU possibility: computer lab blends into food service
Spaces for small groups to have private or semi-private lunch meetings
Adaptable technology, construction
Breadth and quality of services
Has like programs together to share facilities and create new interactions
No fear of excellence, shuns mediocrity
Doesn't sacrifice functionality for beauty
Has an ease of finding programs and services
Avoids the "bleeding edge" of new, exotic products and materials - not an experiment
Has areas for drop-in surprises, e.g. flash mobs, a cappella concerts
More night life, night activities, long hours

