

## FACULTY RESOURCE MEETING NOTES

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**PROJECT:** University of Wisconsin – La Crosse  
PRAIRIE SPRINGS SCIENCE CENTER – PHASE II  
La Crosse, WI

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**MEETING DATE:** October 15, 2021

**MEETING TIME:** 1:30pm-3:00pm

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### FACULTY RESOURCE AREA:

1. Occupant comfort strategies reviewed and discussed. Windows to be shaded and include frit glazing to offset sun glare common for this orientation (south and west).
2. Social and work functions previously discussed. Group work vs faculty respite. The following items were noted:
  - a. Scott noted that all three levels would not necessarily have to be outfitted the same, depending on the needs identified. These are to be shared spaces for access by all departments. One could be tech-heavy and others could be quiet work and social space.

- b. Scott commented on providing two conflicting levels of technology in the Group Working Space illustration. Multiple meetings or presentations occurring at the same time may be an issue.
  - c. Lori commented that faculty/staff should have a lounge to relax, have lunch, etc.
  - d. Sink, refrigerator, microwave, counter, etc.?
  - e. Eric commented on departmental poster sessions with snacks and project viewing.
  - f. Scott noted that this area will not be assigned to a single department. Refrigerator and microwave maintenance and management best kept to departmentally controlled work room spaces.
  - g. Mike Abler noted that there is nothing in this space that will draw usage.
  - h. No printer required in this space.
  - i. Flex space with soft seating, table and chairs, minimal technology, whiteboard, sink, microwave, and small counter would be highly utilized per the department representatives present. Retain functions of formal meetings to conference rooms.
  - j. Scott commented that the amount of glass illustrated on the interior wall should be reduced. Blend solid to glass or introduce frit glass. What would make the space comfortable?
  - k. Mike Abler commented on the desire for bookshelves but noted that managing those resources may be challenging.
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#### **COLLABORATIVE CORRIDORS:**

- 1. Variety of space types were presented. The following items were noted:
  - a. Scott commented on the Group Presentation option and the likelihood that two groups would be able to work next to one another.
  - b. Analog Group Discussion should have more seating.
  - c. Content displayed on monitors when not in use? Scott noted that monitors can act as digital signage when they are not in use.
  - d. Eric commented that a writable surface would be more likely to be used than digital displays. Mike H. and Mike A. agreed.
  - e. Scott to collect data on monitor usage from Phase 1.
  - f. Infrastructure for future monitors to be included per Scott. Department representatives feel the technology may not get used initially.
  - g. Mike Hoffman commented on furniture getting moved to the exterior wall and blocking the hallway.
  - h. Scott noted that custodians will typically move chairs back into their space.
  - i. Consider using a seating arrangement for the heads down area that orients the seating towards the window rather than the wall.

- 2. A copy of the presentations and additional notes can be found here: <https://river-architects.sharefile.com/d-s670ca7b44b0e4f48bdadfe028fed773b>
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#### **SCHEDULE & NEXT STEPS:**

- 1. Design team to revise plans based on discussions held.
  - 2. Next meeting to be scheduled in 3 to 4 weeks to review specifics.
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ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY		
1	Phase 1 monitor usage to be verified.	UWL

*Note: This constitutes our understanding of the issues presented. Contact River Architects, Inc. via phone at (608) 785-2217, or e-mail [m.adler@river-architects.com](mailto:m.adler@river-architects.com) if there are any discrepancies.*