

NMT Space Utilization and Allocation Committee Report to Faculty Senate: 01 Dec. 2015

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- Brief History and Mission of the committee
- Summary of recent/ongoing allocation issues
- Request for input from departments and from individuals

History of the SUAC

- Created Fall 2014 as a new “hybrid” committee made up of faculty and other campus representatives
- Differs from former Space Utilization and Campus Planning Cmtee. in having authority for “small” allocation decisions. Provides recommendations to administrative Leadership Team on “larger” decisions.
- Mission: to find space when needed, to identify underused space for potential reallocation, and to reduce spatial “fragmentation” of departments
- Method: obtain data on space-related issues, make decisions as objectively as possible

Recent and Ongoing Actions

- ITC: supporting their aim to consolidate (into Gold)
- ACT: plan to move near OSL in Speare (when avail.)
- Chem. Eng.: want to give dept. its own identity (separate from Petr. Eng.). Moving many research labs to former Bureau chemistry labs in Workman West; working on finding/creating office and teaching lab space nearby
- Weir Hall: working on a plan to move computer classrooms to Speare Hall and create offices for Mech. Eng. (who are fragmented) and Math (whose graduate offices are overcrowded)
- Striving to find space: for faculty who need labs, student groups, overcrowded teaching labs, etc.

We Need Your Help!

- There is a space crunch on campus! Despite having space created by construction of the new Bureau building, much of the vacated space is unavailable until the old BoG building is demolished, and the new Chem. building built in its place (scheduled to be finished in Summer 2017).
- Please consider “loaning” out any space which can be shared without adverse effect on your dept. on this timescale (esp. emeritus/sabbatical labs/offices, but also classrooms, conference rooms, etc. not used full-time). Some research faculty have *no* labs at all.
- We like data: please let us know of any room reassignments, space issues, etc. We also solicit your input on several key items (see next slide).

We Need Your Help, Part Deux

- Jones Hall: scheduled for major remodeling to fix dust and HVAC issues, and some 15k sq. ft. will become available when Chem. moves (many labs with hoods). Please consider whether your department would like to FULLY move there when available. Decisions on this need to be made soon, as the architects will very shortly be drafting plans for the remodel.
- A new questionnaire will be circulated amongst all depts. soon; we want to stay abreast of needs with new hires, graduate space, etc. (so, likely to be repeated each year)
- Additional special requests: (see next slide)

Long-Term Planning

- Collaborative Spaces: major redesigns incur major costs; investment makes sense if designs take projected long-term use into account
- R+ED Instrument Room, HSI-STEM Mediated Commons area, and student clubs (Maker club) all have focus of hands-on building things. Please consider long-term collaboration ideas (rapid prototyping, courses which construct things) and let us know scope of interest (helps with space allocation for these groups)
- Shared Campus Clean Room? If interested, please contact Dale Henneke.
- Shared Hazardous Vapors lab? Please let us know if this would be useful to you.