

Library/LRC and Student Services Taskforce Meeting Notes
February 18, 2021 – 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Zoom Conference Call

Present: Denee Pescarmona, Vice President, Academic Affairs and Student Services
Doug Achterman, Faculty
Carina Cisneros, Interim Dean, Student Success and Equity, Special Programs
Veronica Martinez, Interim Dean, Student Success and Equity, Enrollment Services and Student Pathways

Absent: Aileen Romero, Student Representative

Also Present: Rob Barthelman, Steinberg Hart
Benedetta Del Vecchio, Steinberg Hart
Jakky Figueroa, Steinberg Hart
Amanda Rienth, Steinberg Hart
Carol Anderson, AKG

1. Program:

- a) Steinberg Hart reviewed the updated programming, sharing the latest changes:
 - i. Eliminated the two smaller conference rooms and will have one large conference room that can comfortably hold 20 to 25 people.
 - ii. There will be three standard sizes for offices (i.e., all counselors will have the same size office, all faculty will have the same size office, etc.).
 - iii. Skills lab/open lab has been resized to accommodate 40 people.
 - iv. Added mental health into the building.
 - v. Increased the partnering program due to the El Centro program.
 - vi. The gross square footage is 52,493, which is an increase of approximately 1,000 square feet.
 - vii. While not called out in the programming, a lactation room and gender inclusive restrooms are included in the square footage and will be included in the criteria documents.
- b) After some discussion it was agreed that the title of section 2.0 of the program would be changed to Library and Learning Resources and Library Open Study Area and quiet Study Room will move under that category. Bene reminded the group that the fundamental principle for the LSRC is an open study that runs through the entire building. The library and student resources are not going to be in separate spaces in the new building but will be comingled. Rob clarified that the names of spaces are categories of space only, not grouping to be achieved in the building.
- c) Adjacencies have not really changed; Steinberg Hart showed the contextual concept of what the adjacencies will look like.
- d) Steinberg Hart conducted test fits of both the first and second floor of the new LSRC. The first floor can have a main entrance at parking level, as well as from the south side of the building at the arts quad. There would be a terrace on the east side with views towards the community as well as the heart of Campus. The second floor may have an opportunity for an entrance at the arts quad.

2. Landscape Strategies

- a) Steinberg Hart reviewed two possible landscape options for the new building with the art quad being the main focus in both strategies:
 - i. Option 1 gives a nice introduction to the campus and created three plazas: Entry Plaza, Arts Plaza and the South Plaza.
 - ii. Option 2 explores a new connection to the arts quad/plaza, with a secondary connection for the arts plaza and south entrance. The south entrance would lead to the heart of the campus. The east side would have a more natural environment with a lookout to the hills. It could be a place for students to hang out. Option 2 also provides an opportunity to “hide the ugly” of the Multi-purpose building.
 - iii. It is important to be mindful of accessibility for our ACE students and out veterans. We need to ensure these student populations are honored and accessibility is inclusive. Bene noted that the main goal is “universal accessibility”, eliminating the need for signs.
 - iv. It was agreed that a hybrid of option 1 and option 2 would be ideal, creating a south plaza for students to congregate as well as “hiding the ugly” of the Multi-Purpose building.
 - v. Option two showing ramps and stairs was preferred and will be incorporated in the Documents (both options will be included in the appendix as both viable)

3. Next Steps:

- a) Steinberg Hart will finalize the documents, including the edits suggested during this meeting.
- b) Following the fault line exploration, there will be on final LSRC Taskforce meeting.
- c) Steinberg Hart will meet with the following groups in April/May to review the “program bones”, principles and planning process:
 - i. Student Services Council
 - ii. Academic Senate
 - iii. Library Department

4. Next Meeting: TBD