

Design Team Breakout Meetings

Meeting Summaries - 8/31/2011 and 9/1/2011

A number of breakout meetings were held during this site visit with stakeholder groups identifying certain needs and desires for their spaces in The New UC, as well as observations about the project as a whole.

UH Forensics Society

- Their space is large and contiguous; this is a trait that should be present in their new space
- It is used for a wide variety of purposes, including storage, office/work space, and event space.
- They would like their space to be able to accommodate seating and lounge space for up to fifty people in the transformed University Center.
- There are no particular spaces their location needs to be adjacent to; they operate autonomously.

Women's Resource Center/ LGBT Resource Center

- Both spaces would like to remain joined, not separate, in the new building
- The following are the requested spaces for both Centers
 - Two reception stations, potentially in a shared area
 - Four private offices
 - Access to natural light but reasonable amounts of privacy
 - A large, open space with several traits (this space is vital to how the Centers operate)
 - Movable seating
 - An open area for 15
 - A number of power outlets
 - A flat-screen TV for news and programmed activity
 - A conference room if possible, but this space could be integrated into open seating
 - Tables for craft activities and other events
 - A common space with two computer stations
 - Wall space for books and files
 - A small kitchen area
 - Storage space/closets
 - A higher-traffic area

Games Room / Shasta's

- The following needs were identified for the Games Room
 - An additional 4 lanes for bowling if possible
 - Renovating and/or expanding table tennis area
 - Updating and expanding service counter
 - More storage—right now, there is no good place for their mop sink and their expensive lane machine is stored in the open
 - A raised ceiling in the bowling area
 - Projectors and screens above the lanes to show videos and other things during the games
 - Better furniture/seating for the bowling and billiards areas
 - Expanded snack bar area
 - Enhanced sound and lighting
 - Computerized menu boards
- The following needs were identified for Shasta's
 - Additional freezer space
 - Adjacency to the Games Room if possible
 - A store-front, potentially, with a service counter like Java City's

Creation Station

- Creation Station handles a wide variety of services from graphic design to large-scale printing, and needs their space to be able to accommodate these needs. Ideally, their space would contain:
 - A 400 square foot customer reception/queuing area, with a customer service desk, a space for a line, and a balloon/button sales area
 - An 800 square foot work area with a central workstation for the professional staff member, smaller cubicles for the student graphic designers, and a large workspace for the laminator machine, printers, and work table
 - A small (100 square foot) ventilated room for painting/spraying/mounting
 - A large (300 square foot) storage area for supplies and other storage
 - A small (100 square foot) storage space for special papers and other high-end items
 - A small (100 square foot) kitchenette/break room for staff

ISSSO / VSO

- Both spaces would like to be adjacent or near each other
- VSO requested the following space types
 - Reception desk and space for 3 workstations
 - 3-4 offices for director, program coordinator, secretary, and potentially a counselor
 - A copier in a semi-public area
 - Study space for 30 that can also be used for small lectures or tutorials. This space could double as lounge space but needs to be separate from the rest of the UC lounge space
 - A computer area with roughly 20 stations
 - A space for file cabinets
 - A separate library space for video as part of a specific initiative in conjunction with the Library of Congress
 - Shared meeting room space with ISSSO
- ISSSO requested the following space types
 - Reception counter with three work stations and seating for ten
 - Copier and student files located near/adjacent to front service counter
 - 10 private offices; six larger and four smaller
 - Additional storage for files; they are required by law to keep all records for 7 years, which requires a significant amount of space
 - Improved work flow/space allocation
 - Shared meeting room space with VSO