

**UNIVERSITY SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday, March 7, 2016**  
**Holladay Hall, Chancellor's Conference Room**  
**2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Present: Warwick Arden; Scott Douglass; Matt Peterson (for Alan Rebar); Steve Arndt; Louis Hunt; Lisa Johnson; Sumayya Jones-Humienny; Duane Larick; Liz Moore; Margery Overton; Katie Perry; Ralph Recchie; and Cynthia Williford.

Not Present: Alan Rebar.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the February 3, 2016 meeting were approved and will be posted.

**Information / Discussion Items**

1. Office of International Affairs, Passport Acceptance Facility, Talley Student Union; Request #16-02: S. Jones-Humienny distributed a revised version of the request details which included expected revenues and funding. She stated that the intent of establishing the facility was two-fold: to generate funds for Study Abroad scholarships and to create a service for students, faculty, staff and the community. She said that staff were investigating the three locations suggested by the request and some others for presentation at a later date. The committee discussed the pros and cons of a number of locations. *The committee endorsed the need for this facility, provided that it is self-sustaining, and requested that staff continue to investigate options for its location.*
2. Dabney Hall – New Chemistry Faculty; (Info Item 16.02): L. Johnson stated that she and M. Overton had met with representatives from the College of Sciences and the Chemistry department to discuss their forthcoming space needs for research intensive faculty hires. Johnson stated that it would be several years before Broughton project (still awaiting funding) would be complete and Chemistry could move in. She said the group concluded that the college would fund a study with the potential outcome to renovate about one-half of one floor in Dabney. W. Arden stated that Broughton, after renovation and the addition of a new research wing, would become the central part of the north campus science corridor, comprising Riddick, Cox, Dabney and the Harrelson replacement building.
3. Goodnight Scholars, Peele Hall Space (Info Item 16.04): L. Johnson stated that the Chancellor had promised Goodnight Scholars a more prominent location in Peele Hall than the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor space in which they were currently located. The department had not moved yet due to the delay in other departmental relocation changes that needed to occur prior to moving Undergraduate Admissions from Peele to Joyner Visitor Center. She outlined a proposal which would move Goodnight Scholars to Peele's main entry level before Admissions moved to Joyner. She stated that the first step was to move New Student Orientation (NSO) from Peele to Broughton; committee approval was required for use of Broughton, as no permanent location for NSO had yet been identified. The next step would be to move Admissions within Peele. She stated Admissions had agreed to vacate Peele suite 203 (for Goodnight Scholars to move in), by moving into NSO 1st floor space and Goodnight Sch. 3<sup>rd</sup> floor space. Admissions would remain in these locations until they could move to the Visitor Center. S. Douglass questioned whether Watauga residence hall might be changed to office use to relieve space pressures in the Holliday Hall area. L.

Johnson explained that code requirements to change residential occupancy to office occupancy would likely require expensive structural upgrades and plumbing changes. Additionally, the rooms in Watauga were figured into University Housing's business plan for debt pay-off. The committee discussed the improvements that were needed at two entry doors to Peele Hall: a new exterior door was needed at the first floor west entrance, what would become Admissions new front door, and the second floor east entry door needed refinishing. W. Arden stated Provost Office funds would pay for the improvements to the west entrance. *The committee approved locating New Student Orientation in Broughton Hall swing space until staff identify and propose a permanent location, and requested staff provide cost estimates for the improvements to Peele Hall entries.*

4. Update: Interfaith Prayer and Meditation / Reflection Space; Request #13-14: S. Jones-Humienny stated that she had met with Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity and Campus Enterprises and that all had reached consensus on a new proposal for creating the space in Witherspoon Student Center instead of Talley Student Union. She presented a floor plan, cost information, photographs, and a list of pros and cons related to Witherspoon 204. She stated that the space was in a quiet location, had good natural light, zoned light switching, and locking storage cabinets; costs to upfit the space were expected to be about \$5,000. She reported that the cost estimate for building just the glass wall to enclose Talley #5200F was greater than \$90,000. The recommendation to locate the space at Witherspoon 204 would be presented to the Student Center Board of Directors (BOD) and Student Senate (SS) at their meetings in the following weeks. If the BOD and SS approve the recommendation, she would ask for University Space Committee approval for reassignment of the room. *The committee was in favor of the reassignment of Witherspoon 204 to the Central Campus Interfaith Prayer and Meditation / Reflection Space, provided the recommendation was passed by the two student governing bodies.*
5. Chancellors Faculty Excellence Program (CFEP) 2015 Cohort; (Info Item 15.08): M. Overton updated the committee on the status of the positions. She stated that space being vacated in Partners II should be investigated for use by hires. S. Jones-Humienny stated that Retro-commissioning staff had modeled the building to determine whether it can be renovated into lab space. The committee discussed further options for vacating space for the hires. *The committee requested that staff return with more information on Partners II.*
6. Academic and Research Space Analysis 2016; (Info Item 15.15): S. Jones-Humienny stated that the analysis had been renamed to redirect the focus from university space as belonging to colleges, toward an overarching, cross-disciplinary view of the use of university space. She suggested that a future meeting include a Visioning Session with representation from the colleges. M. Peterson suggested inviting Associate Deans of Research from some of the larger colleges to learn how the colleges were prioritizing the use of space. The committee discussed the need to have all members gain a broader understanding of: what colleges occupied which buildings; which buildings were appropriated versus owned by the university; and the locations, types, and occupants of leased space. *The committee requested that the April agenda reserve time for a briefing on existing space uses.*

## Other Business

1. Student Success Center, DH Hill (Info Item 16.03): L. Johnson stated that she was meeting with the Libraries next week to review three possible locations for the center that resulted from the study.

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.**