



Meeting Minutes

Date September 24, 2019
Project SSU Stevenson Hall
Topic Department Meeting – **Anthropology, History, Political Science**
Location Stevenson Room 2049

- Overall Floor Plans. EHDD presented current floor plans.
 - Level 1 Comments:
 - Question regarding the Research Methods classroom, and how it will be scheduled when not in use or if it will be shared at all for general use.
 - Question regarding acoustics in the courtyard and how we've addressed potential noise issues for those on Level 2. The proposed solution is a combination of soft seating and acoustic decking at the ceiling.
 - Question regarding the design of gender-neutral restrooms, and how the stalls/sinks work. EHDD noted that stalls will have minimal gaps at the bottom to allow water to drain but will otherwise be full height.
 - Level 2 Comments:
 - Faculty was concerned that only level 2 had gender-specific restrooms.
 - Level 3 Comments:
 - Faculty voiced concern that their requests for offices with exterior windows were not met. Christopher noted the outreach process has been extensive and the majority of feedback indicated support for the current floor plan which has been approved by University leadership.
 - Faculty voiced preference for having their own operable exterior window for fresh air. Christopher explained that in order to meet new energy code requirements, there would be no operable windows. However, the new mechanical system will regulate and deliver outside air to all spaces.
 - Concerns about privacy from students looking into their windows were raised. EHDD noted that a mockup of the faculty office will be set up so faculty understand the space and also how daylighting and privacy would be achieved.



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- Faculty asked about how the building would function under an emergency or active shooter scenario. EHDD noted the openness of the plan for multiple ways of egress in an emergency. Classroom doors will also be equipped with updated hardware to allow for better security and lock-down scenarios. However, the building is not designed with any bullet-proofing measures, but a meeting with the Campus Police will be held to review campus security standards.
- History Department prefers to have Chair closer to their respective faculty. EHDD will look into a better configuration, but noted that the final assignment of offices will be up to the University.
- Anthro-History-Poli-Sci requested a storage closet, and voiced concern that it seemed unfair that this was not included in the program for their department. EHDD to look for extra space to accommodate this.
- Specimen Storage/Anthropology Lab would benefit from having some daylight. Departments to look at their spaces and see if it makes sense to switch Publication Studio with Anthro Lab.
- Departments requested more time to meet and discuss the programmatic questions outlined in the presentation. EHDD asked that responses be sent to Christopher within the next 2 weeks.