Backfill Space Plan

Background and Process

In light of the recent opening of several new buildings on campus, namely:

> The Commons (Spring 2003)
> Information Technology/Engineering Building (Fall 2003)
> Public Policy Building (Spring 2004)

a plan was developed and continues to evolve to backfill the space vacated by those units moving into the new spaces. This plan addresses primarily reallocation of space in the Administration and Academic IV buildings as well as the University Center. Domino effects on other buildings such as Math/Psychology will be considered.

Vice Provost Tony Moreira and the campus architect (Mr. Mark Demshak at the time) were tasked with obtaining priorities for space needs from the leadership of the various campus units, and to advise the Vice Presidents, who were to make final decisions on backfill space allocation.

Vice Provost Moreira and Mr. Demshak met, either individually or together as appropriate, with the academic deans and vice presidents/assistant vice presidents/directors for the non-academic units. It was the responsibility of these unit leaders to gather the information for their units and provide such information to Vice Provost Moreira and Mr. Demshak with priorities assigned. This information was then summarized and presented to the Vice Presidents to inform their decision making.

Backfill Principles

The following principles were used in making the backfill space allocation decisions.

a) The backfill exercise is not a comprehensive campus space planning exercise, but focused essentially on the space made available due to the various moves into new buildings.

b) The first priority was to allocate space for units that were previously displaced into temporary space and did not have a "permanent location".

c) Priority for space allocation was placed on functionality and adjacency requirements for the units relocated.

d) The next priority in space allocation was given to documented space needs within 1-2 years and supported by the unit leadership.

Summary of Backfill Plans

The most recent diagrams displaying the backfill plan are available on the website for the Office of Architecture and Planning at the URL: www.umbc.edu/oap. It is possible that some inaccuracies may exist at any point in time since adjustments are still on-going. In addition, some spaces have not yet been fully programmed (such as the University Center and some floors in the Administration building) and are just shown as blocks of space.

The following is a summary of the main points of the plan:

1.   Departments/units moved into IT/E: IRC, Information Systems, Computer Science and Electrical Engineering (not in totality), CWIT, IMDA program (Visual Arts) and the COE & IT Dean's office.

2.   Departments/units moved into Public Policy: Shriver Center, Sociology and Anthropology, Political Science, Economics, Public Policy, and MIPAR.

     To move in the future: Center for Aging Studies

3.   Administration Building

2nd floor:	Full floor for Graduate School
3rd floor:	Shared by International Education Services, HR Payroll, Accounting, and Procurement
4th floor:	Full floor for Financial Services
5th floor:	Shared by OIR and HR
6th floor:	Full floor for OIT/Business Applications
7th floor:	Full floor for History department
8th floor:	Full floor for OIA
9th floor:	Shared by Administration and Finance, Human Relations, Management Advisory Services, Provost's office

4.   Academic IV Building

3rd floor, B wing:	Shared by Social Work department and DPET/ELC
4th floor, A wing:	Shared by Africana Studies and Education departments
4th floor, B wing:	Shared by LRC and DPET/ELC

5.   University Center

1st floor:	Shared by Food for Thought, Comm Store, Financial Aid/Bursar/Registrar
2nd floor:	Shared by Student Support Services, Advising, Retriever Weekly, WMBC

6. Math/Psych Building

    2nd floor: Shared by Career Development Center, Math and Statistics department, Psychology department and possibly surge space

7. Library Pond side

    1st floor: Shared by Scholarships, Admissions, Meyerhoff Program

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