

Opening words:

Purpose: DeAnn Dockery said we are in the middle of feasibility study for next capital campaign. Allow us to ask donors for larger gifts gives ability to invest in big programs. Last campaign gave new stadium and Richardson performance. She continued to discuss about endowments now and forever to help fund programs and student scholarships.

Facility needs not the centerpiece of the campaign, but it is a good time to look at center needs- what needs to happen with resident halls and student union.

What is the best direction to go from students input and campus people that us it that in the correct direction with improvements.

Going to take this back with aspirational goals for they would like to see happen in the student center.

Purpose: To help Southwestern College administrators think through the different ways to use the space within the Roy L. Smith Student Center.

Goals:

- 1) Generate different ideas on use of space
- 2) What would different spaces look like?
- 3) How often are the spaces currently being used?

Questions

- 1) What are the main reasons people currently use the student center?

Eat in the cafeteria

Pounds lounge used for group meetings and eating

Receive mail

Small group meetings

STUFU and SGA use campus life as meeting and office place

Java Jinx use TV as hang out place (some people us Java Jinx to eat when they do not like cafeteria options or when the café is not open)

Café and Java Jinx is used during Homecoming

Java Jinx snack place during the summer

STUFU and SGA have events in Java Jinx – programming place

President meeting uses well as homecoming during

Scholarship day

Outside groups – high school uses, wedding receptions,

Student info tables in java jinx

Ice cream in java jinx

How much do faculty use student center?

Campus players uses pound regularly

Prokesh-Theatre uses during production week (off the cafeteria)

Monthly and committee meetings in pound lounge

All faculty staff during is in the café – Christmas lunch

Faculty been asking for some place to meet for a lunch review session they have no clue about pounds lounge and default is to go to college hill coffee

Half of faculty that have never been in here and know what this is used (new faculty orientation not walked around to see the campus)

People do not know about Prokesh and do not know about it – should be in new faculty orientations

Sometimes Prokesh is used as storage (Prokesh is used weekly)

Men's Basketball uses Prokesh

Campus player's uses pounds lounge every other week for meetings

Discipleship uses Pounds Lounge

Black Student Union student group has used Prokesh

No current orientation that tells leaders to know how to receive spaces – people go in Progresh and do not reserve it

Patio only used during homecoming through worship outreach

Years ago, musical drama would use it. Wanted more patio furniture because the cushions were gone.

Students use patios only when smoking there and not picking up their cigarette butts and why the chairs might have been taken away

2) In the future, how would you like to see the student center used?

Keep a public meeting place

Meeting and event space. Only place for large meetings especially during homecoming

Students would like to see it used for eating and meetings and not a place to congregate. In the future make this a place that might be used to congregate. This is not currently an entertainment center and in the furniture, it could be.

Currently campus life is supposed to be an entertainment area but students do not go in there because they do not think they belong. Remodel making it more inviting to all students. Getting lots of new stuff and painting the walls. Changing the name from campus life office to campus life lounge. So that more of a hangout place. Change the feel with the remodel. Campus life hours are whenever someone is in there more set ours when campus life director is there. Eight till left if there was a director. Stufu and SGA there till nine on meeting night

STUFU and SGA office area always been problematic. Once when a movement of furniture and shifted and overflowed out here to incorporate and extension of Campus life office. More traffic when we had a bookstore on campus and would sit on the couches. It accidentally happened and caused more traffic.

Would students use a comfortable lounge area?

Another university had phone charger stations and place to sit and do that?

Yes, the students would like. Have a charging station. People are so involved that if they go through their daily schedule there is no time to sit around and lounge. Using money on a place to spend time would not be wise since students do not hang out in student union, especially now that the library is a convenient place. However, even in the library the camaraderie is not what it used to be. People are OK being by themselves. It seems to be a general trend that students study by themselves. It is hard to get people involved.

This is a retention issue because of connection to the campus. Talked with students the other day to get together to study and they have ear buds in and do not interact with one another. A couple of years ago, the students gathered in the library and always worked together. No one asks when are you going to the library any more. Less group stuff more individual stuff now. Everyone has their headphones and in their own world. People are used to communicating on their phones and not as much face to face. Our freshman year the whole area was full and still would be interacting. Now the culture of things is to do their own things. A lot of people leave so because of this, remaining students do their own thing until they graduate. It is too hard to go out and make new friends once your old ones have left.

Kids hang out more with those that are in the same activities only. Especially evident in the café. We all sit in the same spot and same order. It seems like the Café has assigned seating.

Residence halls in the 1970's was much busier and had a roommate and one room. No TV. Some of the buildings were not air conditioned. Student center had air conditioning. Once there were more spaces for 5-7 people student, activity in the union dropped off. It created more competition by having better dorms. Library has a different feel now than it used to. In addition, it seems to have the same function as the student union. The Student Union needs to relate to what the campus has. Students in Warren Apartments host many gatherings for different niches of the campus and hard to compete with because of the convenience of being in their own living rooms.

Hang out place might be obsolete? If we had not created apartment living we would have been dead in the water. No one would want to live how we lived in the 60s. The world is different. What is student Union for?

A lot of game playing on computer screens now and people do not have to play Ping-Pong every day. Whole entertainment world on their computer. Wallingford has Ping-Pong tournament. Wallingford is where everyone ends up. Because most football players live there and everyone is close there. More inviting to go into Wallingford as opposed to Cole. Wallingford has the activities and student involvement on the first floor. Certain activities need to happen on campus and what would be best and where to be there and how distances and places should be.

Students don't need study hall in student union. We need to have more meeting space in the Student Union. Student Union needs to be more welcoming. It is a place that is seen by the public. The restrooms are appalling here. Bathrooms that get most use are the smallest and worse ones.

Renovate this building from community point of view more than from a student center. Students do not know this is a student center.

Freshman and transfers do not know about Moundbuilder Market. Market does not have a lot of options. Used to stay open late and now there are no options so do not go in there.

This lower half is so closed off and it is hard to see if we are allowed to come in.

Students check mail when it is convenient. Checking the mail depends on how often we get mail.

Students use the copy center for printing based off activities. Mail center does not print anything for us personally

Do not take away mail center.

Freshman gets more mail than Seniors.

Students used to get mail from school twice a week.

Depending on how much time a student has in their day, affects their ability to spend time in the cafeteria. Students eat in the cafeteria based on when their team or activity is going to eat up there. Freshman and sophomores do not spend as much time there.

Cafeteria should have better hours. How are students supposed to eat if café is not open and we don't have a car? Open a little later. Java Jinx closes nine as store but grill at eight. A lot of people use Java Jinx.

Southwestern College is a small college with many different cultures within it. For instance, there is a whole culture in Beech. There should be more coffee pots for Beech.

The Student Union is a spot you go when you have 10 minutes to some place to kill times. Not a hang out place for hours.

Live off campus would look for a place to hang out. I am in STUFU so I hang out in the campus life office.

There are currently 18 senators 5 executives for SGA

There are currently Five ex 20 members for STUFU

Students do not do just a walk through student and see others just hanging out. This is because our students are busy and hanging out in other places on campus or at practice.

This Student Center building was left behind because students were meeting and doing things other places.

Strong need for event and meeting place. If meeting space was better, maybe more student groups would come up here. Having Moundbuilder Market and being more visible is good for people coming. Billboard for college is student union. Just a café renovation and update it to make prettier would be happier to omg the café is amazing and spend the time there. Needs more space in the café. Have two serving lines opposed to force students. Moundbuilder Market needs to be more visible especially for sporting events. Patio is great space. Java jinx down stairs and Moundbuilder Market upstairs. Stairwell more open and not as closed off. Everything is sectional and not easy to get from pale to place. Great views that are not used. Beautiful campus to look at and see the levels.

Some did not know that pounds TV had a fireplace. Elevator is terrible and sketchy and opens in the kitchen. If we every have a handicap student would be terrible.

Wish there was another large group meeting place. Creativity in the Arts meets in Wroten and the events and creativity has to find other places when meetings going on in Wroten. Gathering that we cannot image because we do not have another space. Snack bar – to join to together and have fun... our snack room now is cold and noise. Now that there is tile that area is cold and uninviting... snack bar needs to be warm and inviting (java jinx is snack bar- the whole area) hard to hear conversations up there.