

UC Transformation Project Development Committee
Meeting Minutes – 8/10/2011

In attendance: Jonathan Thurston, Mei Chang (**UH FP&C**); Keith Kowalka, Micah Kenfield, Lawrence Daniel, Cheryl Grew-Gillen (**University Centers**); Richard Walker (**DSA**); Andrew Michael (**The New UC**); Craig Premjee (**SGA**); Rich Bamburak, Paul Knell (**WTW**); Marie Hoke, John Smith, Tony Martin, Jeff Chittenden (**WHR**); Heather Camden, Geoff Lussier, Wayne Pellerin, Allen Sterrill (**E&C**); Kristi Grizzle (**WPM**); Guy Cooke (**Tellepsen**)

Three preliminary program and adjacency diagrams were presented to the group to begin discussions on the layout and design of the transformed University Center. The following are the highlights of those conversations:

- The UC Arbor could be enhanced by adding bridges across it to enhance east-west traffic flow. Another option that the group liked would be adding large tiered steps (reminiscent of the ones to the ticket booth in Times Square, New York) in the UC Arbor down to the ground floor. These steps could function both as a way to bring more traffic to the lower level as well as an impromptu place to sit and eat or study.
- There needs to be quiet lounge space in The New UC, but this space would probably not fit well into the scope of the first floor.
- The new theatre would work very well as an anchoring space on the front of the UC across from the Welcome Center. In addition to the visual appeal in mirroring the Welcome Center, the location is easy-to-find for off-campus visitors looking for it. In addition to its connection to the building, it may have an exterior entrance so it could be accessed by groups who reserved it even when the building is closed. Adding an addition “drop off” area would be a good addition.
- Merging the Chili’s Too and Cougar Den space could provide a reasonable size for a second ballroom-type space on the ground floor to service the UC Underground meeting rooms.
- The Veteran’s Services Office would ideally be located near the International Student and Scholar’s Services Office (ISSSO).
- All special components (Veteran’s Services, ISSSO, Dean of Students Office, LGBT Resource Center, and Women’s Resource Center) would not thrive in the underground.
- Student organizations could be split over two levels, but splitting them over three is not desirable.
- The SGA Senate Chambers should have some adjacency / proximity to the SGA offices.
- One idea proposed would be having a “sunken plaza” entrance to the UC Underground, not unlike the current entrance to the UC Satellite.
- Instead of being a standalone building connected only to the UC Underground, the North Addition might work better linked fully to north side of the existing UC in some way. There may be a connection point on both levels of the addition to the UC first and second floors.
- Retail needs to be integrated into the flow of the building; a “corridor” concept is good, but only if it doesn’t become a barrier. A separate service corridor for deliveries would not be needed for the retail spaces.

- Dining will have separate registers (like Wendy's) instead of the current model of having a central checkout.
- The loading dock would ideally be obscured from the street somehow; its current location is considered an eyesore for people coming into the university from Entrance 1

A site visit to the LSU campus was scheduled for September 28, 2011.

Meeting was adjourned with the next meeting date being set for Wednesday, August 31st.