

MEETING NOTES

Project	UH UC Transformation Project
Project No. / File Code	G11311-00.50A
Meeting Date	01/18/2012
Attendees	<i>(Refer to sign-in sheet)</i>
Subject	Progress Meeting 09

Design Enhancements

1. "Cougar Boulevard" - better name for west walk than "Cougar Lane".
2. UC South - is much improved. Removing the canopy was acceptable in order to open up the front of the arbor and allow a greater presence on University Blvd. It was liked that the entries are now better defined.
3. Southwest Stair -it's presence as a gateway/signature piece on Cougar Blvd was well received. Design team to look into opportunities for temporary signage on stair - possibly on mesh screens (if used).
4. Wrap-around balcony in the West Plaza - well liked. Allows opportunity for egress to public space from stair on southwest corner. Could allow more gathering during a performance or event.
5. North Addition window box idea - they liked the idea of having a ledge to place things on or sit on at the window. They also mentioned how that window could be a good student org. marketing/displaying. It was suggested that the red color (fin) might be incorporated into the north façade for continuity and to add school spirit. It was suggested that the north balcony be extended in an east-west direction with enough space for seating (downtown view).
6. Building name/signage to read "UC north" and "UC south". Dr. Walker mentioned that naming rights for each building could be proposed.
7. Banners or fins with color - suggested to be incorporated into the North side like at the West Plaza.
8. Blank wall at second level of the north façade - is a bit harsh. Design team to look at incorporating windows into the editing rooms to help minimize that effect. There will be no windows in the production studio except for the editing offices. Keith mentioned the North additions metal panel 'box' is very grey and prefers to offset that with another material (stone, brick, etc.).
9. Theatre - it was stated that 450 seats would be the "perfect" size venue (for small organizations). Orientations that required a large group of about 500-600 seats could be held elsewhere. Cheryl stated that not having a balcony condition will help with not having to staff the second level with ticket takers. The high rake floor was agreed upon as the best option since it will allow other spaces to be tucked under the stair - possibly storage.

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10. Use of event spaces during construction - Mei to set up a meeting with Bob Bowden to discuss egress for the Houston Ballroom during construction. The design team said this could happen right away.
 11. Data service for temporary offices - Microsoft link might be set up as a test project and allow users to work off access points (like a wireless) in temporary offices.
 12. Design enhancements - were well received. The design team will study the North façade/balcony and the West side of the Student Org building to further improve the design. The committee as a whole approved going back to an open lobby with covered bridges between the North addition and the UC. This will create more cohesion between the West Plaza and the Dining Terrace, allow cross ventilation from east to west, and improve acoustics between the buildings (helping disperse sound so that it doesn't build up on the western side). The building will be moved 10' further north to allow for greater occupancy in the plaza. The stage will be placed as mentioned before - along the windows south of the North Addition.
 13. Next meeting proposed - Feb 8th @ 2:00 - 4:30 pm.

This information represents our understanding of items discussed during the meeting. Should anyone's understanding differ, please contact this office immediately, otherwise these notes shall be assumed correct.

Notes prepared by **Marie Hoke, AIA, Principal**

Enclosure

Issued Date

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