Graduate Social Space

- Jack Wilson came to discuss graduate space in the Maynard Dining Facility. He is involved in the planning of the project.
- Originally it was called the Class 1953 commons project and was going to be 63,000 ft\(^2\), but it has been scaled down to 36,000 ft\(^2\)
- It is still in the early planning stages (called schematic design)
- Jack would like to put a committee to help plan what the graduate space would contain and meet with the architects.
- Early stage-schematic design
  - 3 floors
  - there will be a loading dock on North side (some truck traffic) and new drive-way in front of Gilman
  - biggest component: dining: 250 seats
  - Café North may become a lounge space eventually
  - Net Space—what is actually needed
  - Gross Space—thickness of walls, closets, bathrooms 50-60% conversion from gross to net
  - Accessible from two directions
  - Lower floor/ground (no basement because of soil and costs)
    - Interim dining which will become social space of about 2000 ft\(^2\) on the ground floor
      - Don’t know exactly how it will function after interim dining
      - When Thayer is not in use this will be used for dining (2-2 1/2 years)
    - Would like to put in a breakfast place eventually on the first floor
    - Kitchen
    - Copy place-graduate student place (NW corner of the building)
      - Location is good
      - Landscaping will be nice
• a distance from the loading dock
• nothing above-so we could have a high ceiling
• outdoor patio may be possible

○ Second Floor - main dining
  ▪ Should have some good options

○ Third Floor
  ▪ Will have a conference room
  ▪ Residential Life office 5000 ft2 (currently located in 3 places on campus)

○ Original plans for the space had two distinct rooms
  ▪ A lot of flexibility
  ▪ Will be on the wireless system/could provide computers
  ▪ Video conferencing (might want to think about it)
  ▪ Card access is feasible
  ▪ Late hours: will there be vending machines?
    • Undergraduates would like a 24 hr food service too
    • Neighbors however don’t

• Questions and issues that came up:
  ▪ 24 August next meeting with the architects
  ▪ Will the kitchen be loud? Jack predicts that it will not be disruptive. The wall to the kitchen should be pretty thick.
  ▪ Shape is odd - to fit in with the current architecture
  ▪ There will AC
  ▪ Windows will open/ incorporate
  Security issues on the 1st floor will have to be dealt with
  ▪ Renewable energy? No plans yet
    o They are going try to use recycled and nontoxic materials as much as possible
    o Using LEAD Program standards
    o Trying to buy green power for the campus
    o Currently some of the energy on campus is co-generated
    o Ventilation takes a lot of energy (kitchen)

**Timing of the Project:**
Planning: Beginning stages 1-1 ½ years
Construction: Start Spring 07
Completion: 08-early 09

Philip will set up a meeting with graduate students through Kerry Landers to meet with the designers and architects (2-3 meetings) August 24, 3rd week of Sept, meet with Philip before the architects.

Schematic design should not change much
Proposal for funding for international studying for graduate student through the Dickey Center

- Shelly Krebs - international house coordinator attended the meeting
- She is looking for 6-8 graduate students to help her with a proposal
- It shouldn’t take much time
- Plan is to provide funding for graduate students to study abroad
- 2 students/ year will be sponsored to study abroad at least for the first couple of years & hope the number will increase
- The funding will probably be for research mainly and not conferences
- Shelly is trying to get a proposal done before Sept

Suggestions the GSC gave Shelly:
- Mary will give her the list of representatives to the GSC so she can ask for help
- She could bring the proposal to us for critic once she has a draft
- Could send out a survey

Finance Report
Kerry Landers - the graduate studies office will contribute $4,500 to Ian’s (the Graduate Activities Coordinator) salary this year.
It has already been placed into our account which is at $7000.
The Annual Budget will be voted on Sept meeting.
After orientation we will need figure out the number of representatives/department.

By-Laws
William Romero summarized the outcome of 2 constitution meetings which produced 2 revisions of the proposed by-laws.
Summary of the revisions: There will be a budget each year which will be voted on at the beginning of the year. There should be funding requests; however, the formats may be changed year to year. Events won’t be funded after they occur.
The new by-laws will be voted on in Sept meeting

Social Report
Social plans for the year will be voted on in Sept. meeting

Orientation Week Report
Orientation will start on Sept 17
GSC has events plan every day (Sun-Sat)
Mary needs volunteers for tours
No rooms have been set yet including the big party

There was a brainstorm for possible locations for the party:
- DEMA is too expensive
- Collis-need 8 sober monitors
Fairchild could be possible
Baker has receptions
The gym may be a good place in the future (but probably not now with the construction)
If anyone has any ideas pass them on to Mary Schwab

Mary will pass out pamphlets with the social events
Sandy will also have one.
T-shirts will be given out at the BBQ to the new first year students

**Open Agenda**
- The GSC meeting for Sept will be on Tues (Sept 13) and not Mon. It will be at 6:00 in the basement of Moore (room B03) and there will be pizza.
- William mentioned that we did approach the issue of current lack of space for social functions during the meeting of the execs. with Provost Scherr. Provost Scherr said that space is tight for everybody this fall with all of the construction going on.
- Ivy Grad Summit (which will be at Yale this year) asked Kerry Landers to attend Oct 14-16. The GSC will probably be sending someone. This will also be decided on in Sept.