

Campus Concept Committee

Progress Update

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As the Fall 2001 semester gets into full swing we would like to provide the campus community with a status of the continuing effort to plan and execute major capital projects.

CAMPUS CENTER AND SWETMAN/POUCHER

Based on the campus-wide input that was obtained last spring, campus representatives met with Cannon Design (campus center architects), HOLT architects (Swetman/Poucher architects) and the State University Construction Fund over the summer to develop several program level building configuration alternatives for the projects. These options represent various methods of arranging the spaces that have been prioritized to reasonably fit within the project budget. The design steering committees, representatives of the building users, have had an opportunity to provide comments on the advantages and disadvantages of each the alternatives. This process will continue.

It is important to note that major capital planning is an iterative process. Many decisions or ideas require additional study that changes configurations; other decisions then have to be revisited in the light of these changes. Several schemes have been drawn, redrawn, discussed and drawn again. This is a necessary part of the process that is moving us toward a final conceptual level plan later this year.

As we have progressed it has become quite obvious that these two projects are dependant on each other for their individual success. This realization may lead to some changes in thinking about the best location for certain existing and/or proposed programs. This is not a reflection on the importance of these activities, or on the campus commitment to their success. The design steering committees for each project will be providing recommendations and all of the functions being discussed as part of the planning process will ultimately be included in the final set of projects that results from these very exciting efforts.

RICH HALL/SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Bids were received from construction contractors on September 5, 2001 for the complete renovation project. Construction costs were within the budget and the contract has been awarded to Bette & Cring, Inc. of Watertown. A "groundbreaking" is scheduled for October 18th with construction beginning soon thereafter. The project includes a full renovation of Rich Hall with updated mechanical, electrical, and information technology systems as well as new classroom, office and lounge configurations. Thanks to all who participated in the planning of this very successful venture.

PARK AND WILBER HALLS/SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The first projects in the implementation of the School of Education program study were completed over the summer. This involved new facilities for the departments of Vocational Teacher Preparation and Educational Administration. The projects also included a renovated teaching methods lab for the Dept. of Technology and temporary facilities for the Department of Modern Languages and Literature. Implementation of the study recommendations will be coordinated with the Swetman/Poucher renovations.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC ISSUES

The concept committee has identified a mission statement for the parking and traffic study that will be part of the Cannon Design contract for the campus center. The mission statement identifies goal and objectives for the work and projects that will follow. The text of the statement is available on our website at www.oswego.edu/ccc/.