



MEETING REPORT

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PROJECT	SUNY Oswego Laker and Lee Halls Program Studies
SUCF PROJECT NUMBER	101005 and 101009
JMZ PROJECT NUMBER	1602 and 1603
MEETING DATE	8 June 2016
MEETING LOCATION	Park Hall 301
DISTRIBUTION	Attendees

ATTENDING	OF
Linda Paris	Planning Coordinator, SUNY Oswego
Jerald Woolfolk	VP Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, SUNY Oswego
Jerri Drummond	AVP Student Affairs and Dean of Students, SUNY Oswego
John Inman	Capital Program Manager, SUCF
Jean Stark	JMZ Architects
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SUMMARY

Project Overview

Jean Stark and John Inman began the meeting, outlining the following:

- There is currently no money available for renovation/construction projects. By conducting this study now, the need for renovations will be documented and SUNY Oswego will be prepared to move forward with the renovation of Laker and Lee Halls when money becomes available.
- This study is the first step in the process of identifying the space needs of Intercollegiate Athletics (IA) and Intramurals and Recreation (I&R), and determining how Laker and Lee Halls could be modified to best serve those needs.
- JMZ will develop detailed space programs that include all of the space that is needed to provide support for SUNY Oswego's existing IA and I&R programs.
- Due to funding constraints, the renovation of both buildings will have to be phased.
- This study will provide a road map for the future renovations of both buildings that will help the College avoid stranded investments, address the highest priorities, and result in improved occupant comfort, organizational productivity, and reduced operating expenses.

Pressing Challenges

- Upgrade old and outdated facilities
- Improve accessibility
- Optimize use of existing space to support existing programs

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Discussion

- SUNY Oswego wants to maintain the current level of enrollment. The residence halls are full and classrooms are at capacity.
- The number of registered student organizations should not increase. All registered organizations should accrue some benefit to student engagement and success.
- At this time, there are no plans to reduce the number of intercollegiate sports or add additional staff to either IA or I&R.
- Fitness centers will remain in the residence halls.
- The racquetball and squash courts in Lee Hall are reportedly well used.
- I&R's programs are robust and they deserve facilities that are modern and inviting.
- SUNY Oswego has roughly 8,000 students; 4,000 of whom live on campus. There should be space dedicated to student programs so recreation facilities are always accessible with the goal of keeping students on campus when they are not in class. Space that is supposed to be for students is often used for academics or non-student events, which blocks it from student use, such as the ballroom in Hewitt Hall. The ballroom reportedly will not be returned for student use; it will be permanently dedicated to the School of Communication, Media and the Arts (SCMA). This change would result in the loss of a large and very important space for Student Life just when the need for a space that can accommodate up to 400 individuals at tables is growing. Students will have to rent space off campus for large events, which isn't always possible due to funding constraints. Some award ceremonies have already been moved off-campus. Student events help increase student engagement and also draw the outside community to the campus, e.g. – the MLK event drew people from as far away as Syracuse and Rochester.
- Students have expressed some concern about safety within buildings, especially at night.

Space Needs

- A dedicated student life space that will accommodate 200 to 400 people at tables to replace the ballroom.

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