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Flannagan Campus Center Open Forum
Meeting Minutes

1-25-11
Speakers
Dave Wolstrum – Vice President of Business
Annamaria Wenner – Dean of Students
Al Spagnolo – Principal, Spagnolo Gisness & Associates, Inc.
Nick Testa - 4th Year Architecture Student & SGA Intern
Kevin Sullivan – Shawmut Design & Construction

Master Plan
- Strategic Planning: 2006-2007
  o Enhance Student Experience
  o Modernize Academic Buildings
- New Construction
  o Flannagan Student Center at Beatty Hall
    ▪ 7,000 sf addition, more information in notes
  o Ira Allen Addition
    ▪ 18,000 sf addition
    ▪ 18,000 sf renovation
  o Proposed New Residential Hall
    ▪ Vancouver Triangle Park
    ▪ 2015 or 2016 start construction
    ▪ Senior housing, apartment style, all singles
    ▪ 300 Beds
  o Proposed Center for Engineering & Technology
    ▪ 45,000 sf
    ▪ On site of West Lot
  o New Athletic Field
    ▪ On Parker Street lot
    ▪ Provide revenue to the institute by developing Sweeny Field
    ▪ Parking garage underneath field. 300 spaces
    ▪ NCAA sized field
- Renovations
  o Kingman 2nd Floor - Completed
  o Basic Industries Lab – Start summer of 2011
  o Industrial Design Studio
  o Annex South 2nd Floor expansion, 6,000 sf
  o Wentworth Hall Portal – Ruggles to Quad

Campus Center Envisioning
- Strategic Planning – 2005/2006
- Visioning Exercise – Spring 2006
- Campus Center Task Force – Fall 2006
- Campus Community Survey - January 2007
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- Campus Center Planning Day – March 2007
  
  Summary of Feedback
  - Food & Dining Services
  - Fitness Center & Gaming Area
  - Lounges & Commuter Needs
  - Student Cub Space
  - Programming Events
  - Study/Conference/Meeting Rooms

- Summer/Fall 2010
  - Weekly meetings with WSG
  - Selection of SGA as the architect
  - Selection of 7 co-op students
  - SGA met w/ students
  - Student representative on steering committee
  - 18 month construction time

Student Center Design

- SGA has designed such buildings as the Tufts Wildlife Center, One Brigham Circle (Stop & Shop) and the GTECH Headquarters in Providence.
- Better access on Ward Street side, circulation paths from Ward to the Quad; utility lot will be smaller, transparent addition.
- Removes front stairs and moves the entrance to the right
- On the pike there will be a highly transparent pavilion, 1 ½ stories, connecting 3 floors with front exterior entry
- Media Wall, emphasis on entry element
- Roof Terrace off of library level
- Removal of library chases, allow views from library to the Quad.

- Ground Floor
  - Much lighter, town center with WIRE Studio, info desk (hub), able to see everything
  - Fitness center along pavilion
  - Breakout rooms
  - New SLP Offices and bookstores in back
  - Reminiscent of a series of streetscapes
  - Lounge area between Pike and fitness center, 1 ½ stories high, Winter Garden

- First Floor
  - Completely Gutted
  - Circular organic serving area with food stations
  - Entry to serving area directly from stairway
  - Pizza Oven
  - Expanded, open dining area
  - Divisible walls in dining area, 3,000 sf of space
Front door experience
  - Contemporary feel, mix of glazing and stone
  - Elevator cladded in school images
- Improved circulation paths to prevent backlog
- Different kinds of ceiling elements, acoustical ceilings and original waffle slab
- Dining area provides a variety of table seating, flexible
- Open to library on second floor
- Late night venue

- Environmental Branding
  - Marry school pride with architecture
  - Key Words:
    - Multimodal, technology, gallery and recreation, school pride, milestones, hands on, urban classroom, campus connection, neighborhoods
  - Ties to all majors
  - Information kiosk currently in the library

Construction Management
- Shawmut Design & Construction has worked on the Gardner Museum, Gasson Hall at BC, CityCenter Las Vegas, experience with buildings that are currently occupied
- Construction time: May 2011 – September 2012
- Multiphase schedule approach, goal of minimizing impact
- Challenges
  - Working with occupied building
  - Noise/dust/vibration
  - Constant communication from WIT to minimize impact during exam schedules and other campus events
  - Connecting additions to existing structure
  - Installation of new MEP system and elevator in existing building
- New additions constructed first, North stairway is temporary main entrance, temporary move pike to accommodate construction
- Elevator goes were ATM is

For more information
http://myweb.wit.edu/businessfinance/flanagan.html
http://witbeattyhallrenovation.wordpress.com/