

Dear Advisory Board Members,

As the spring 2014 semester draws to a close I wanted to send you the following update on the work of the Office of Campus Learning Environments (OCLE):

Learning Space Project Work:

- BSB Learning Center: this project is nearing completion and creates a new learning commons which will serve the entire east-side of campus. It is slated to open around mid-June for the 8-week summer session and there will be a grand opening early in the fall semester.
- BSB 1st floor lighting: we are nearing an agreement with contractors to replace the light fixtures in the 1st floor common spaces and brighten up the user experience.
- Lecture Center A1: this project will result in the complete renovation of one of the three largest lecture halls on campus. Work will begin May 10th and should be completed in time for the start of the fall semester.
- Stevenson Hall 100-104: the total renovation of these four classrooms will complete the renovation of the 1st floor of this building.
- Stevenson Hall 319 and 320: these two classrooms will undergo moderate renovation which will include new lighting, acoustical treatment, painting, and audio-visual technology.
- BSB 331-337: the renovation of these three classrooms will complete the renovation of the 45-seat classrooms on the 3rd floor of BSB.
- Dentistry 430B: this project will result in a second Learn Lab for the college and enable small group learning, which is a cornerstone of Dentistry's revised curriculum.
- ETMSW 2233 and 2235: these two classrooms will undergo minor renovations which will include new painting and audio-visual technology.
- Taft Hall 216: this classroom will undergo a minor renovation which will include new furniture and audio-visual technology.
- Miscellaneous: we are planning to install acoustical panels or whiteboards in 16 additional classrooms
- Oases: we will be refurbishing the furniture in a couple of Oases due to heavy use (which is a problem we like to have)

Planning for future Active Learning Spaces:

- We helped the College of LAS prepare a grant proposal for enhancing science education from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. If LAS is awarded the grant, then we will be partnering with them on the creation of a large SCALE-UP classroom in the former Science Library space in SES.

Learning Space Assessment:

- This semester we have been working with Michael Stieff, Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry and the Learning Sciences Research Institute, on a "within subjects" research study that evaluates the impact of the physical learning space on learning outcomes.

Classroom Furniture Layout Options:

- We have developed 8-1/2 x 11 diagrams of different furniture layout options for approximately 70 classrooms. These diagrams will be mounted this summer and should assist faculty and students when rearranging the furniture to meet a pedagogical need and Facility Management personnel in setting up the furniture each day.

Classroom Prototype Survey:

- We are planning to develop and distribute an electronic survey during the fall semester which will seek input from students and faculty on the different classroom prototypes that we discussed with you at the fall Advisory Board meeting.