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THE AGENDA

1. Approval of our December minutes (will be provided by Alison Campbell) *(5 min.)*.
    Action: Approval of the minutes - yes
2. Gender Neutral Bathroom (brought to us by LeAnn Dean) Appendix A. *(10 min)*
    - The Library does not have public restrooms on the main floor – they only have a few staff bathrooms
    - New design has all gender neutral restrooms on each floor
    - The closest accessible restroom in the student center
    - Library Remodel is on the 2019 bonding bill – if this doesn't happen for many years then we could relook at it installing gender neutral bathrooms
    - Bryan said it would not be cost effective to put $20,000 into new restrooms when they would be removed in the remodel
    - Morris website-maps show where the general neutral restrooms are
    - PE Center does not have them – would be more convenient for families if there were some
    - In Physical Planning there are principles and guidelines we have to follow when we want to upgrade buildings - energy efficiency, health and safety codes from the Cities, accessibility, Historic Preservation Office checks to see if the plans esthetically match the campus
        o Planning committee could look at and update the physical planning principles
3. Bonding bill request from legislature (Bryan Herrmann) (15 min)
    - HEAPR Projects – System asked for $250 million - Morris would get $2.6 mill
        o HVAC system in Blakley – this needs to happen before the remodel
    - Greater MN Academic Renewal Bill – System asked for $16 million, Morris would get $4.4 million, $2.4 million would go to the Blakely remodel (proposal in 2015) and $2.4 million would go to Humanities project
        o We won't know if we get the money until May 23, 2018 – if we do then we will start Blakely's HVAC system project in the summer of 2019 and the overall Blakley remodel in the summer of 2020

- o Humanities classroom HAVC system project will start this summer which is a $1.5 million project. We received $400,000 from HEAPR bill and the rest was given from administration
  - Will put in chill beams (used for heating and cooling) which are very energy efficient
- Support the U Day – April 10th
  - o This is the day when people can support pushing these project through
  - o Students at Morris are the most represented out of all the campus
4. Multi-year budget planning-budget for the next 2-3 years (Bryan Herrmann) (15 min) – Will discuss next meeting
  - Needed to have it submitted by Monday 2/26
  - Presenting it at the Budget Compact meeting on Monday 3/5
5. Each system school pays money to the cost pool for services. Are we getting what we paid for?
  - We don't have a choice if we want to pay into it or not – it is calculated by how many students we have
    - o OIT
    - o General support cost pool that pays for the President's Office and General Counsel
    - o Faculty/Staff development is part of it as well
  - We need to make sure we are leveraging everything we are paying for and not duplicating something
  - IMT was able to leverage 60 hours of support with the Canvas transition

APPENDIX A.

LeAnn Dean   Sun, Feb 18, 2018 at 3:43 PM

To: Engin Sungur <sungurea@morris.umn.edu>, Bryan Herrmann <herrmanb@morris.umn.edu>

Hi, Bryan and Engin .... We, here in the library, have recently received more requests for a gender neutral bathroom and there has been social media activity calling for action. So, after having a joint meeting with our staff along with OAS staff, we decided it would be appropriate to take the requests further--to Facilities Management and to the Planning Committee. We recalled there had been campus governance activity about three years ago on the matter--that time through the Student Affairs Committee. I think that timing was similar to the facilities design activities which resulted in architectural plans for improvements in the library (along with Blakely and Humanities). The number one request in the library was a gender neutral / handicapped accessible bathroom followed by a main desk reconfiguration and a maker-space area.

Then, our hopes were raised when the library project was resurrected as a full-blown renovation on the U of MN system bonding list. Meanwhile, the Blakely and Humanities projects are being addressed.

It would be good if we could tell students there is discussion about addressing the bathroom situation again, even if it is looking at existing plumbing and trying to find a temporary solution that focuses on their concerns as much as possible.   We (library and OAS staff) were also wondering about the status of a campus wide plan for restroom needs. Just our unofficial survey indicates that Science and HFA do have unisex bathrooms. But, they are a distance from the library. Is there a master list whereby various buildings have a sequence or prioritization in remodelling bathrooms?

Thanks for any news that we could report back to students that ask. They do know that the renovation plans address the need.

Bryan Herrmann

To: LeAnn Dean

Cc: Engin Sungur

Leann,

Thanks for the email. I'll try to address this in a couple points and we can certainly have a larger discussion about this as well.

1. The status of gender inclusive restrooms - we have a master list on this map (https://www4.morris.umn.edu/maps) click on the layer list (looks like a stack of papers). You can choose gender neutral restrooms. This shows on campus where every restroom is that is gender neutral. Facilities Management did an audit of every space and found facilities that could be converted with just signage and a lock. The map is able to be printed out and student groups have used the printed map for various conferences over the past year.

2. Yes we did start a pre-design on the maker room, desk reconfig and looked at a gender neutral bathroom. Then we were funded to do a full-scale redesign of the entire facility. It is still on the six year capital plan for 2019 - dependent on what happens.

3. We can certainly look at the space again and see what our options are - the challenging thing is that when we start something it has to be brought up to code for that area, and what is the balance of investment we make knowing that we will gut it in a few years (hopefully). The student center has a gender neutral restroom on the main floor and it is accessible from the library. It is not ideal and agreed not what we want for students but it is a temporary solution as we wrestle with the investment and potential removal. Again we can look at our options again.

Hope this answers some of your questions and we can have a further discussion.