



Office of the Chair

Memo: 2010-5 DPES Space Plan

From: William A. Gough, Chair, DPES

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The new Instructional Building is scheduled to open Spring 2011. The CMS and Management Departments will move to this building. The Social Sciences Department will move into the current “Management” Building. These moves will open up space in the S wing, H wing and the Bladen Building. A Secondary Space Committee was struck some months ago chaired by the Vice-Principal Research Malcolm Campbell to work out the allocation of the vacated space. Each remaining department was asked to create a space plan to reflect current needs and anticipated needs. Our department and the two new departments (English and Philosophy) do not have current space plans.

I need to move quickly on this and come up with a plan by early September. I realize in the first three weeks of office I have made many demands on faculty, staff and students to serve on various committees and the response to these requests is much appreciated. I am coming back to you again to help me meet this considerable challenge. It is critically important we get this right. I will be involved intense negotiations with other units who also have legitimate needs. Thus I need a plan that articulates our needs in a fair but compelling manner. I need individuals to work with me who are available in the next three weeks to first assess what additional space is needed to meet current needs and what space is needed to meet our developing needs for the next few years. Many of our needs require specialized space, especially the chemistry labs. In addition we will need more administrative space, more space for graduate students including students from our local programs and students from other tri-campus graduate units. I need help from all three disciplines (Physics and Astrophysics, Chemistry, Environmental Science), and from all constituencies in the department (faculty, technical staff, administrative staff, graduate students, undergraduate students, postdocs).

We are all busy and it is tempting to rationalize that it is simply not possible for you to work with me on this due to other commitments or responsibilities. However the investment you make in the next three weeks on this work has the potential to have enormous dividends as we move forward. A lack of concerted effort on our part today could lead to debilitating space resources which will impinge on the effectiveness of current personnel and limit our hiring prospects. Let me know by Monday July 26 if you are available.

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