DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: June 11, 2007

Meeting No. 64

ATTENDEES: Kum-Kum Bhavnani  
Puck Erickson  
Marc Fisher  
Judith Green  
Kathryn Kanjo  
Dennis McFadden  
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ITEM DESCRIPTION

De La Guerra Dining Commons Canopy - Chris Mitchell, Studios Architecture

Project Advocate: Willie Brown, Executive Director Housing & Residential Services

The project entails the addition of a shade structure on the west side of the DLG dining terrace. The structure mimics the existing canopy on the east side of the terrace. It is supported on steel columns which are on the west side of the existing terrace enclosure. The purpose of the structure is to provide relief from late afternoon sun, provide added positions for lighting, and to provide a location for heat lamps.

DLG is highly successful. The dining rooms fill and the terrace provides much needed added capacity. This project will make the terrace more comfortable.

The project is supported by the students. It does not have campus project approval.

DRC Comments:

- Wifi, electrical for outside should be in the plan
- Keep ocean view
- Is there an interest in planting on the structure? No
- Provide a detailed elevation, model or perspective (preferably a perspective) so that the DRC can better understand the project
Action: No action taken. Project is to be resubmitted (after campus approval) with perspective drawings

**Engineering II Addition** - Chris Mitchell, Studios Architecture

Project Advocate: Chris LaVino representing the College of Engineering

This is the second review of the schematic design for the E II addition. The project is sited on the SW corner of the existing E II building in the area of the bicycle parking lot. The architects revised the floor plans based upon comments from the May 25, 2007 DRC meeting. The plan revisions were reviewed by the College of Engineering prior to the DRC presentation and approved. The revisions include enhanced outdoor spaces at the NE corner of the project on all three floors. The office layout and corridors were modified slightly.

In addition to internal revisions, Studios revised the west elevation. The new elevation is simplified and includes horizontal ribbon windows with sunshades and a glass clad conference room.

The architects presented the drawing package in preparation for a regents presentation in July. The package included a location plan, site plan, floor plans (in the context of the existing building), building elevations, and perspectives.

**DRC Comments:**

- Floor plans should show vertical circulation and restroom locations
- Was there the potential for a raked floor classroom on first floor? Studios to explore with COE
- Provide some visual/operable glazing for conference room on the west and south
- Add operable windows at ends of corridors for ventilation
- Discussed the use of glass plank vs. metal mesh to create anterooms on the second and third floors at the NE corner (screening and night light). Plank glass was preferred.
- Screen material could have LED inserts (idea, not in budget)
- Seating should be provided on the terraces
- DRC was pleased to see that the column at the NE corner was now suppressed and the area is cantilevered
- Lighting should be from above at glass planks
- The top floor terrace should be roofed to provide weather protection
- NE Corner could be used for projection space or sculpture
- Discussed interface between concrete deck at NE corner and the plaster wall. This area will require careful detailing. DRC offered that steel (rusts) and concrete, moisture, leaks. Low carbon stainless steel, treat and paint not to rust
• How do you enhance entrance portal into the E II courtyard? First floor area should “pop” perhaps with LED. Current scheme shows glazing on the south side of the portal with the potential for LED installation behind glass.
• The building will depend upon signage for new classrooms, staircase and restrooms locations; need a graphic building directory, perhaps a lighted directory case at the entrance portal.
• Metal mesh enhancement over entry portals were discussed – they are not in the building budget. COE noted that existing offices would not enjoy looking through metal mesh.
• Glazed conference room should have glass joints that align with plaster joints, floor lines should align.
• Different elements on façade need to be better integrated/coordinated.
• The issue of whether the glazed conference room should project or be flush with the plaster wall was discussed – Studios to continue to study as the building elevations are refined.
• The building design will rely upon finely detailing and composing the facades.
• Sunshading on the west façade continues to be an issue that must be addressed.

Landscape Plan

Several landscape plans were presented for consideration.

• The landscape should knit the addition to the existing building.
• Keep the SW Italian Stone Pine.
• Star Jasmine to be used for groundcover consistent with the existing.
• Keep the landscape simple.
• Panel of lawn at the east side of the first floor classroom.
• Extend the Gleditsia planting in the E II courtyard on the new lawn panel.
• Bike path and bike parking replacement should be a component of the project.

Action

DRC approved the scheme with the recommended modification for submittal to the CPC and the UC Regents. The project will be shown to the regents in July.