Wanted: Student Input for Redesigned Library Space

Using the Experts in your own backyard

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Journey begins in Summer 2006

- Provost agrees to replace worn carpet on first floor.
- WVLA program by Ohio University & Georgia Tech about their commons. (Fall 2006)
- Evansdale Library folks visit Ohio University’s Information Commons. (Spring 2007)
- Carpet put on hold so we can propose redesign of first floor, with a café.
In the meantime......

• Work with Dr. Cindy Beacham, Interior Design Program Chair, Davis College.
• Do a preliminary student survey.
• Select questions and set up focus groups, with Dr. Beacham as facilitator.
Quick survey April/May 2008

• Abbreviated questions:
  1. How would you like the interior to look?
  2. What kind of technologies would you like?
  3. What is your overall feeling for Evandale Library?
  4. Do you have further comments or suggestions about how we can improve the library environment?
Focus Group Questions, Oct 2008

- How do you currently use the library?
- What would you suggest to improve the current library and make it more usable and enticing for you?
- What characteristics would you like to see in a facility that would become the “heart” of the Evansdale campus?
Available space/interior suggestions

- Need coffee shop (like DCL and HSL).
- **More individual space.**
- More circular tables w/five chairs for study groups. **More group space and study rooms.**
- Better lighting, **deeper color.**
- More comfortable seating.
- More social areas.
- Better cubical spacing for privacy.
- **Change the carpets.**
- Library fine as it is.
Technologies suggestions

- More headphones on desktops.
- CADD installed for fashion majors since it is nowhere else on campus.
- More desktop and laptop computers.
- Ipods, MP3 players.
- Matlab, Autocad, Java Compiler.
- Photoshop.
- Modern audio visual set.
- Projectors in study rooms.
- Wireless connection just outside the library.
Overall feeling about the building

- Good study atmosphere
- Kind of blah
- Better than the DCL
- Feels like home
- A bit cold
- Prefer downtown because there is more space between students
- Needs a café
- Spacious with lots of material
- Workers are nicer than DCL
- Not as crowded as DCL
- Good book/mag selection

- Better than DCL for studying and parking
- Happy with plants
- Need more artwork
- Better use of underused areas
- Need change available after midnight
- Quiet place to study
- Adequate social space and study rooms
- Need remodeling on ground floor
- Don’t know since I don’t study here
Comments and suggestions section

- Study tables outside during nice weather
- Better interior
- Café or cafeteria
- Move items from Microforms room and put in more computers
- WVU ID card reader in vending area
- Better adherence to cell phone policy
- Small study room with comfortable seating, table and white board
- Better colors