Meeting Notes

Subject: MCC Users Focus Group Meeting

Client: Metropolitan Community College

Project: Center for Advanced & Emerging Technologies
Construction Education Center Programming

Meeting Date: 03/28/12 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Meeting Location: MCC FOC Bldg 21 Room 112

Notes by: Rachel Sibson

Attendees:
Tim Wurtele, HDR
Rachel Sibson, HDR
Chris Ertl, HDR
Stan Horrell, MCC
Lindsay Neemann, MCC
Tom Pensabene, MCC
Ted Tucker, MCC INFO
Linda Lutz, MCC INFO
Lian Ti, MCC INFO
Guillermo Rosas, MCC INFO
Ed Bohlman, MCC INFO
Robert Nirenberg, MCC CPS
Dave Horst, MCC
Lyle Hendrickson, MCC Apprenticeship
Richard Hart, MCC Arch Design Technology
Julie Langholdt, MCC
Tom McDonnell, MCC
Art Brown, MCC
Hugh Schuett, MCC
Yuliya Vishnevskaya, MCC

Topics Discussed:

Vision Statement:
“Establish a dynamic learning environment fostering collaboration, integration, creativity and achievement.”

Principles:
- Academic Synergy
- Interactive Problem Based Learning
- Flexible Spaces
- Industry Engagement

Users Focus Group:
• Stan stated that the college is trying to create these new buildings in order to keep up with the changing environment and technology, not be run over by it.
• MindMixer tool to communicate thoughts and ideas.
• Applied Technology – Bldg Info Modeling Lab focuses on academic synergy. They provide kits for other areas, create curriculum based on changes in the industry, and provide continuing education for architects and engineers (AIA). Offer night classes. Core function of the college is their specialty. Have expanded to entire AEC industry and facilities management. Also provide training for faculty on computer programs.
• MCC interested in bringing together both IT and Maintenance on the same team.
• MCC interested in creating program for CAD/BIM managers.
• MCC stated need to work with English teachers to enhance student reading skills. Tom stated the need isn’t for more tutoring in the new space, the college offers tutoring elsewhere.
• MCC suggested that Commercial Interior Design be moved to the FOC and keep Residential Interior Design at EVC.
• MCC suggested having the ability to teach a class remotely from EVC to students at FOC for example.
• E-Portfolio through the Data Center, could be merged together and utilized throughout the whole college. Would be ideal to access everything the college has from all campuses. Tele-presence, instruction that occurs virtually.
• Create soft spaces for collaborative interactions.
• Thought: “Where is here?” More importantly “Where is my stuff?”
• Tom stated the CAET is much more industry driven, rather than program driven.
• Trades utilizes computer more and more.

Action/Notes: