

Subject: MCC Users Focus Group Meeting	
Client: Metropolitan Community College	
Project: Center for Advanced & Emerging Technologies Construction Education Center Programming	Project No: 202261/177868
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:

- a. Academic Synergy
- b. Interactive Problem Based Learning
- c. Flexible Spaces
- d. 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 are utilizes computer more and more.

**Action/Notes:**