

Academic Affairs Strategic Planning Academic Facilities Committee Report

Committee Members

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Charge of the Committee

The charge of this committee was to tour each academic building on the JLM campus and provide recommendations of improvements based on student perceptions as well as student needs in the classroom and other learning environments. To fulfill this charge, the committee went on a tour of academic areas with a recruitment staff member (Hawkseeker) to see what learning environments prospective students are encountering on recruitment tours. The Committee then took in-depth tours of every academic building on campus in which classes are scheduled.

Survey

To best gauge the needs of the university community, a five-point Likert scale survey was created and

Below, this committee recommends both a five year and ten year plan with considerations made to planning stages, budgetary factors, space reallocations, and critical needs of the campus. As part of this continuous plan, the committee has identified concerns in the academic facilities that can be acknowledged immediately and a building that the committee has pinpointed to need

- x Replace Trash Bins and Newspaper Receptacles in Academic Buildings
 - o Several buildings on campus such as the Chemistry and Natural Science Building and Walker Hall have trash bins and/or newspaper receptacles outside of the buildings which are old with chipped paint and rust. These receptacles are typically located at the entrance of a building and could be easily replaced
- x Correct Building Maps for Reference
 - o Many academic buildings do not have an accurate building map or any map which displays room numbers and helps direct visitors and students to the correct classroom or office suite.
- x TV Monitors in Entrance Building for Recruitment
 - o Some academic buildings such as Walker Hall, Strauss Hall, and Hemphill Hall have TV monitors in the hallways entrances which show information on ULM, campus events, safety information, and other important topics. These monitors are a great informational and recruitment tool and could be replicated in every academic building across campus.
- x Regular Cleaning and Maintenance of Buildings

building is essential to support student needs and facilitate a better learning environment for future ULM students.

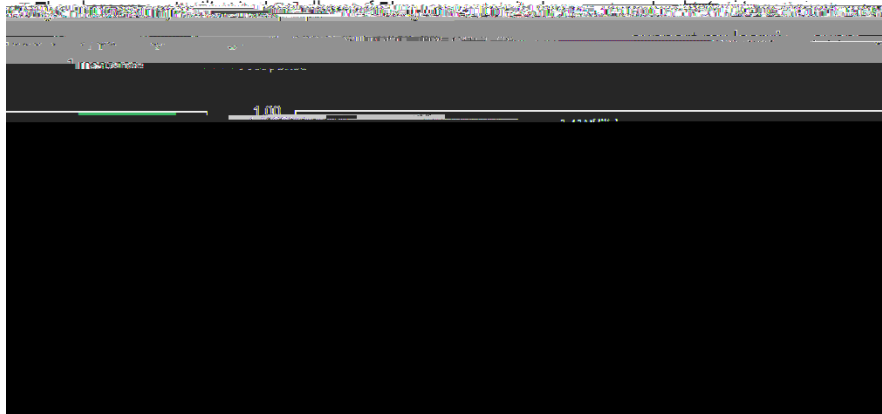
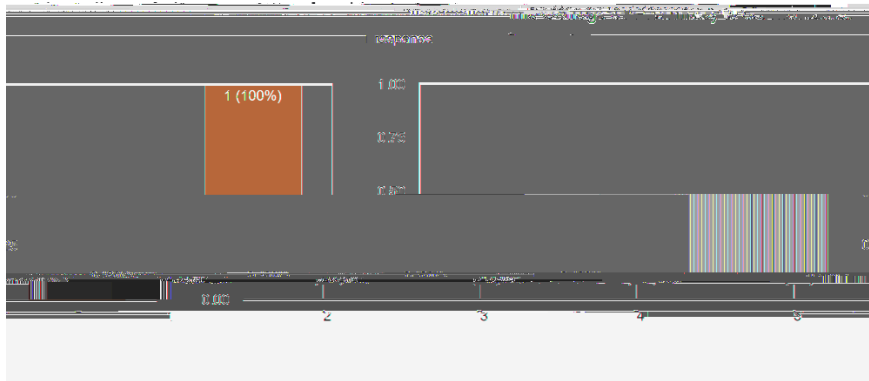
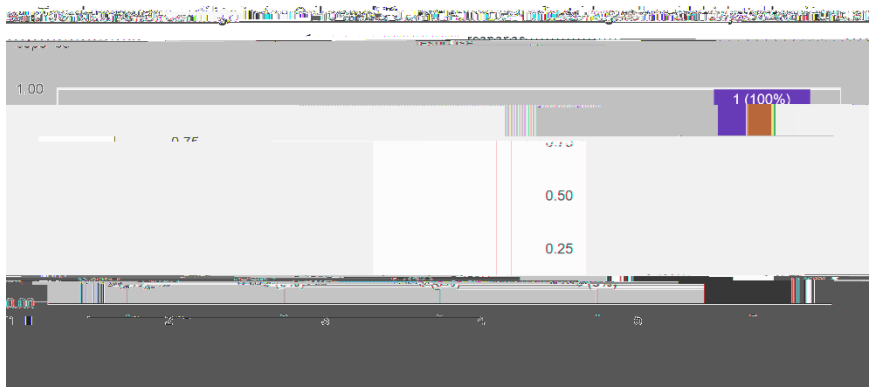
The Chemistry and Natural Science building houses the majority of laboratories on campus used for science classes. Prior to any sort of renovations, plans and some minor refurbishments will need to be completed in other academic buildings to house the relocated labs during this transition period. Potential lab space already exists in Sandel Hall, Hanna Hall, Stubbs Hall, and the Bienville Building. Many labs could be relocated to Hanna Hall and Stubbs Hall with minor

- x Increase coordination and sharing between academic units. There is currently an increased sense of ownership by academic units of certain facilities and a refusal to share these spaces with other units.
- x Engage academic units during decision making to ensure buy
- x Create a catalog of classroom usage, capacity, teaching technology requirements, etc. This can be accomplished through the purchase of new scheduling software to replace the current EMS system.

Committee Recommendations for Academic Building

Observations of the Committee

Tours of the academic facilities on campus revealed that there are numerous issues with nearly all academic buildings on campus. Frequently the committee found that ADA compliance, HVAC, and general maintenance were a universal issue across campus. In addition, many buildings showed no



Recommendations for the Bienville Building

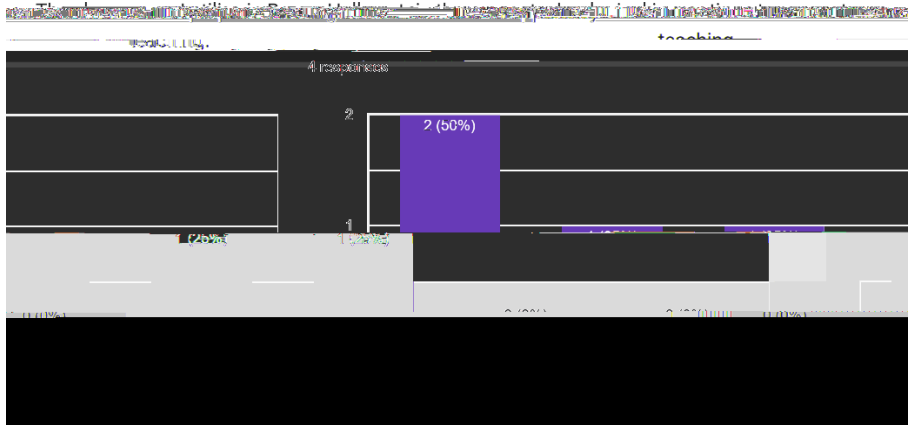
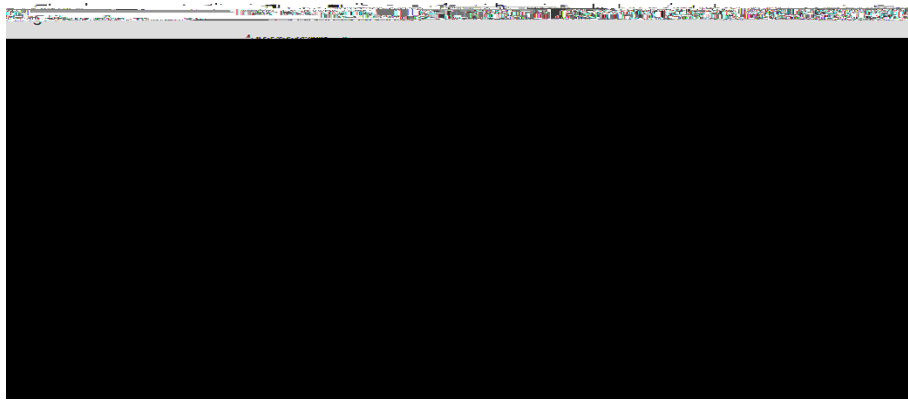
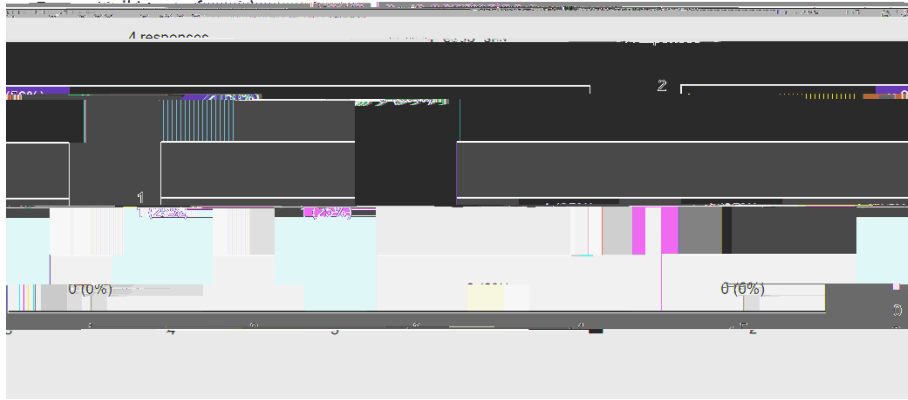
No building recommendations other than a possible relocation of the Pharmacy building on campus and possibly creating a health science center at a location on campus to be determined. This would allow the pharmacy students to have better access to campus facilities. Bienville also houses the only active learning room on campus that could be better used by a wider variety of classes if it were located on campus.

Brown Hall

(Major Concerns)

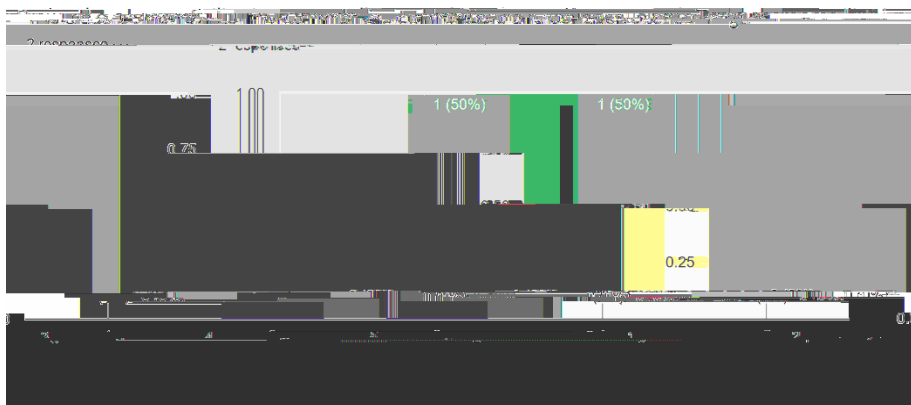
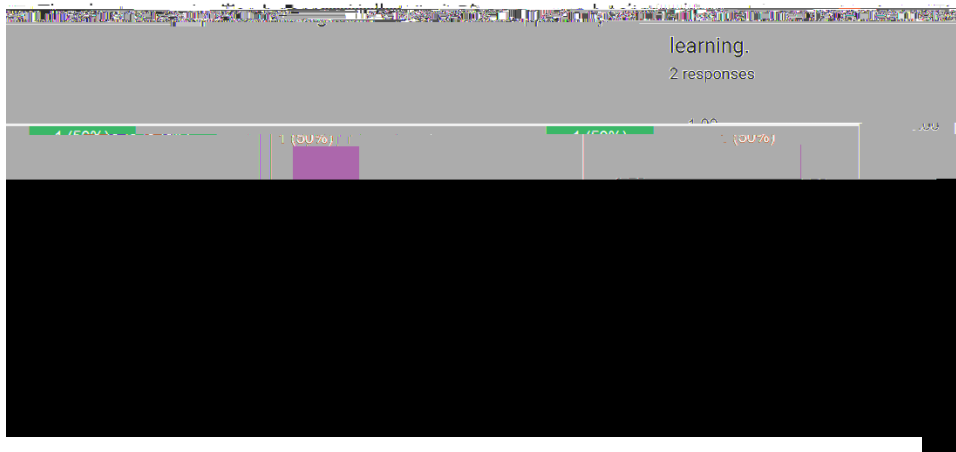
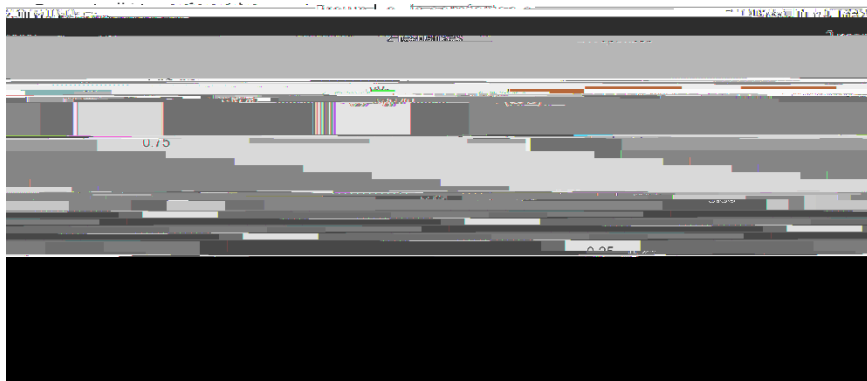
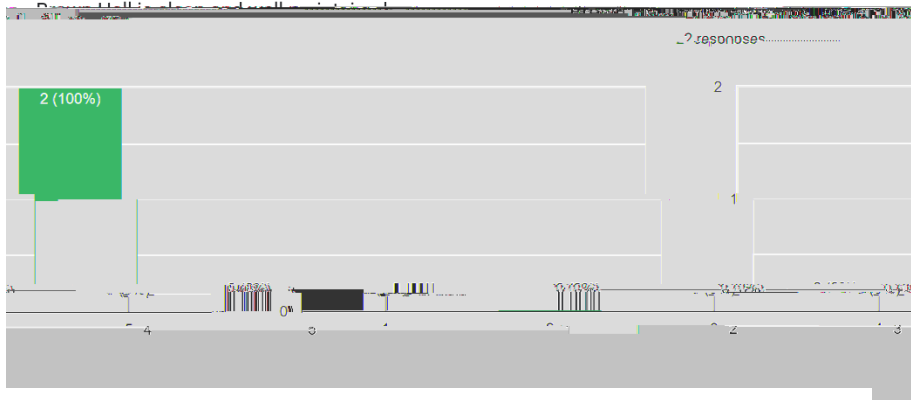
Observations of the Committee

The Committee observed that Brown Hall is in need of significant attention but is generally functional and can continue to serve the university's academic mission. Our primary



Results of Student Survey

All questions are on a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree)



Recommendations for Brown Hall

- x Immediate evaluation by ULM administration to identify how existing infrastructure deficiencies in Brown Hall can be reconciled.
- x Additionally, maintain functionality of Brown Hall as an academic asset in the immediate term we recommend:
 - o a significant HVAC assessment.
 - o evaluation and immediate replacement of damaged flooring, ceiling tiles, rails, etc.
 - o new classroom furniture.
 - o significantly refreshing building corridors with new paint, flooring, ceiling tiles, program-specific wall decorations, building map/directory, room signs, etc.

Bry Hall

(Major Concerns)

Observations of the Committee

This building has several issues. We do not know if it is the historical significance of the building, but that could be an issue. The downstairs of the building has been cleaned up (possibly had some remodeling) and organized as a gallery, showing off many of the student's creations. This add

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No students responded regarding Bry Hall.

Recommendations for Bry Hall

- x The first floor of the building has had some work done to it. It is in reasonable shape
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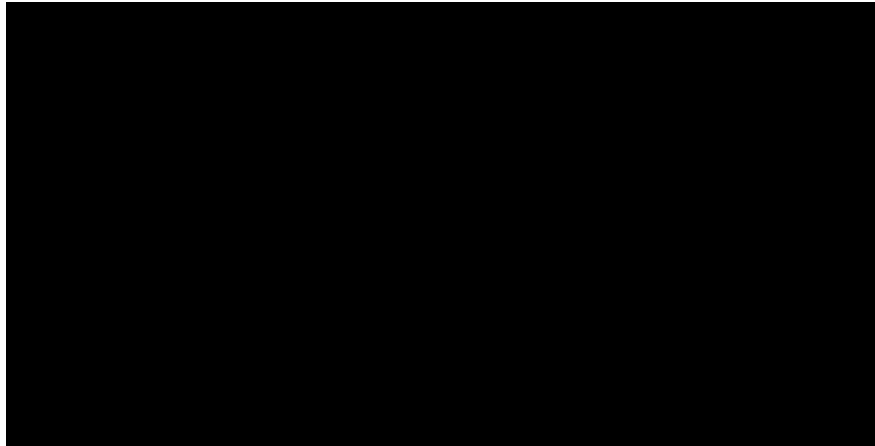
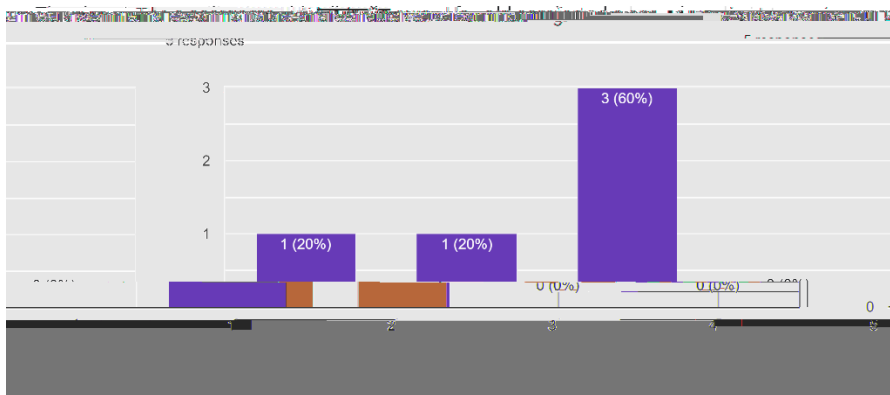
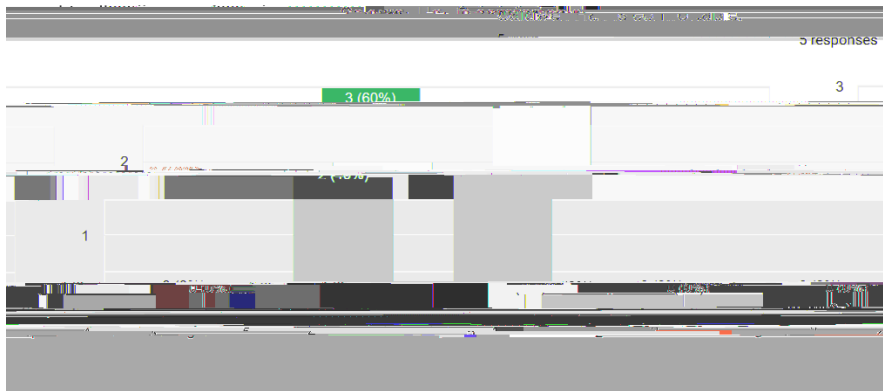
- x The second floor needs major improvement.
- x The rooms need to be repainted at a minimum on the second floor.
- x Realistically the second floor needs to be remodeled.

Caldwell Hall

(Major Concerns)

Observations of the Committee

The Committee's tour of Caldwell Hall revealed this to be an old building with significant structural issues. The HVAC system appeared to be dysfunctional with several rooms containing outdated and/or nonfunctional equipment. A larger number of damaged ceiling tiles were also



Results of Student Survey

No students responded regarding Caldwell Hall.

Recommendations for Caldwell Hall

- x Caldwell Hall appears to be one of the most dated academic buildings on campus. We therefore recommend that the university administration give strong consideration to assessing the long term future of Caldwell Hall in its building portfolio and whether to

substantially renovate Caldwell Hall or determine if its key functions, such as the dental hygiene clinic, can be relocated to other buildings on campus.

x In order to maintain functionality of Caldwell Hall as an academic asset in the immediate term we recommend:

- o a significant HVAC assessment.
- o evaluation and immediate replacement of damaged flooring, ceiling tiles, rails, etc.
- o new classroom furniture.
- o significantly refreshing building corridors with new paint, flooring, ceiling tiles, program-specific wall decorations, building map/directory, room signs, etc.

Chemistry and Natural Science Building (CNSB)

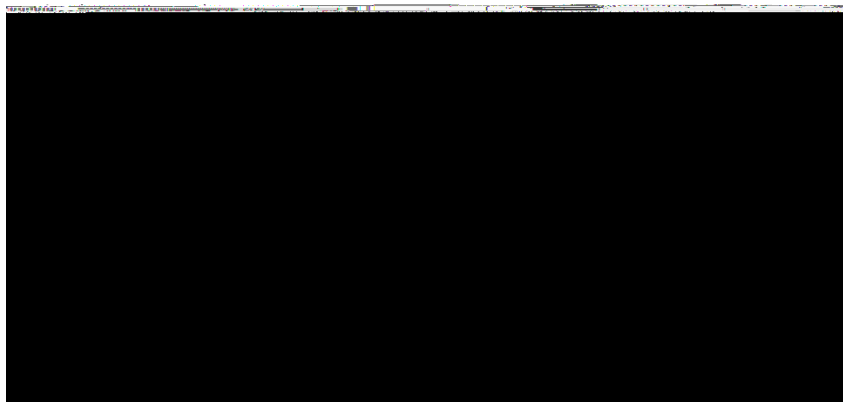
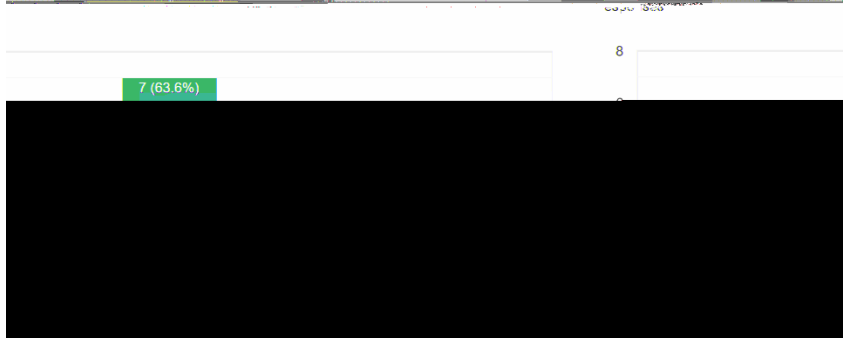
(Critical)

Observations of the Committee

After an extensive tour of CNSB, the Committee was in unanimous agreement that the number and magnitude of critical deficiencies demonstrated in CNSB prevents it from adequately serving either the academic or research missions of the university. In ~~evaluate~~ current state of CNSB, the Committee wants to emphasize that, in addition to the biology and chemistry majors which spend most of their academic time in CNSB, ~~Shime [(s)d4 (t)-4 (o)-.001 Tw 31.14~~



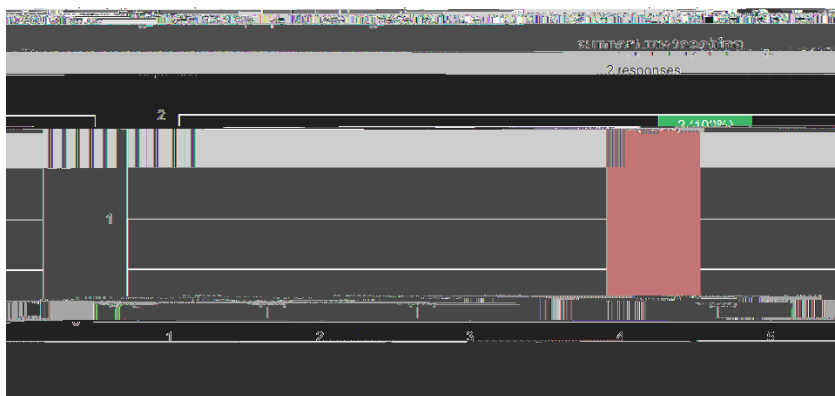
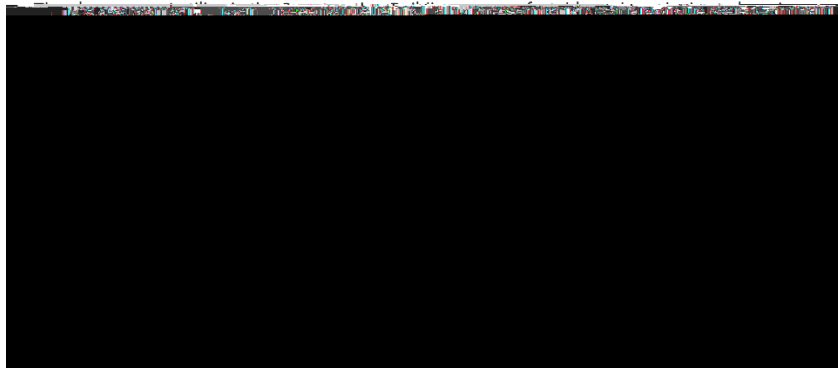
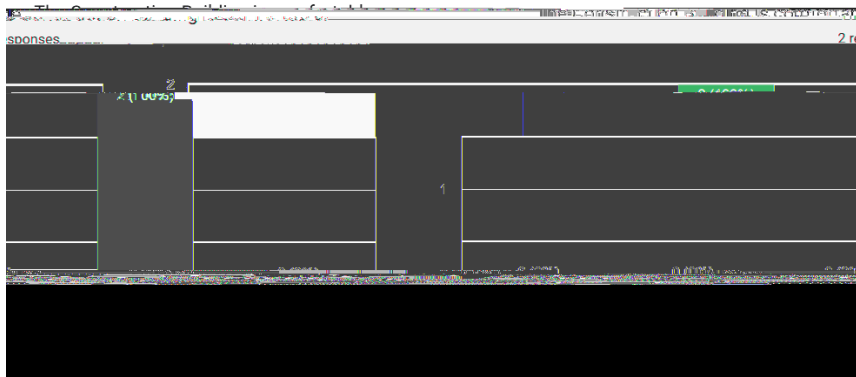
The change in willingness to use CNBH is...



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The Construction Buildings in place are well maintained.



Recommendations for the Construction Building

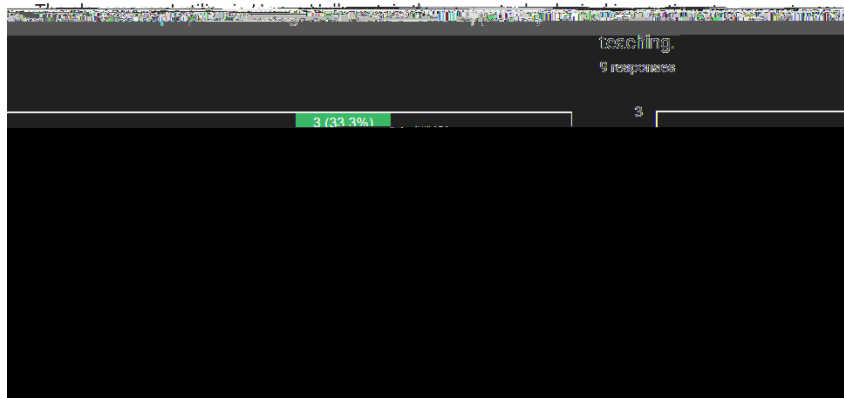
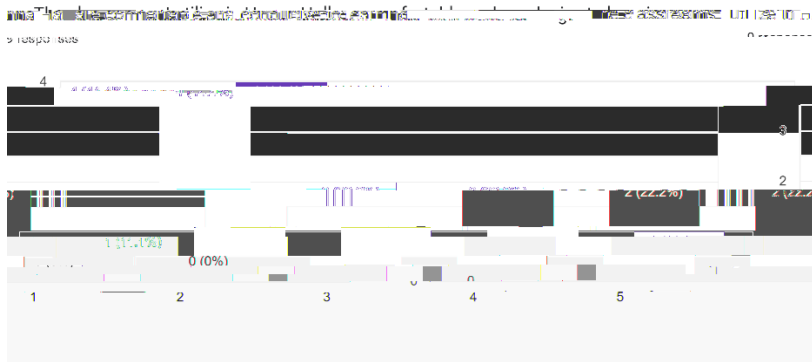
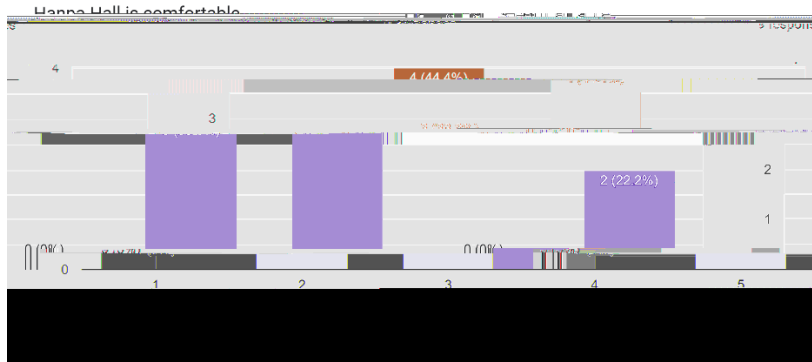
- x There are HVAC issues and roof leaks that will need immediate attention.
- x Restrooms need to be updated.
- x The auditorium needs major update

Hanna Hall

(Critical)

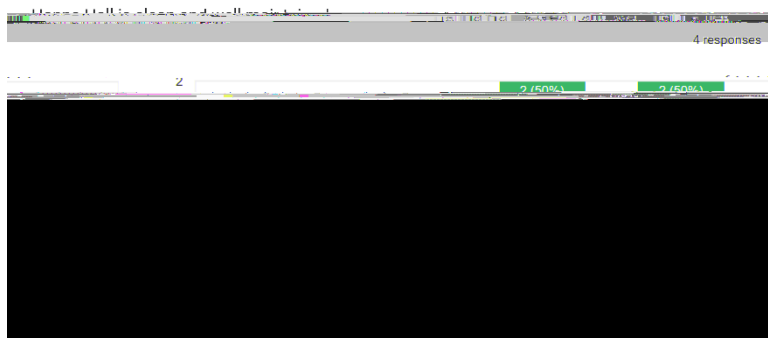
Observations of the Committee

The Committee's tour of Hanna Hall was conducted with the pending renovation of Sugar Hall partially in mind. In general, we find that Hanna Hall will require significant attention on its own merits; however, as described elsewhere in this report, we believe that any decisions made regarding Hanna Hall should be made in coordination with the current plans for Sugar Hall and in concert with Walker Hall. Multiple academic units utilize Hanna Hall, which has a diverse portfolio of classroom sizes for lectures and labs. Additionally, the presence of the Museum of Natural History provides a general interest attraction but limits some of the functionality of Hanna Hall. In the Committee's assessment, the Sugar/Walker/Hanna "horseshoe" should be developed with a combined focus to ensure synergistic capacities with a minimal amount of unnecessary redundancy. The Committee is concerned that Hanna Hall may not be compliant



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Recommendations for Hanna Hall

- x The Committee believes that the Sugar/Walker/Hanna “horseshoe” has the potential to become an academic focal point on campus. Future plans for Hanna Hall should be made with those other buildings in mind; however, immediate improvements for Hanna Hall are required regardless.
- x In order to maintain functionality of CNSB as an academic asset in the immediate term we recommend:
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- o additional, easily accessible, power outlets in larger lecture halls such as Hanna 337.
- o significantly refreshing building corridors with new paint, flooring, ceiling tiles, program-specific wall decorations, building map/directory, room signs etc.

Hemphill Hall

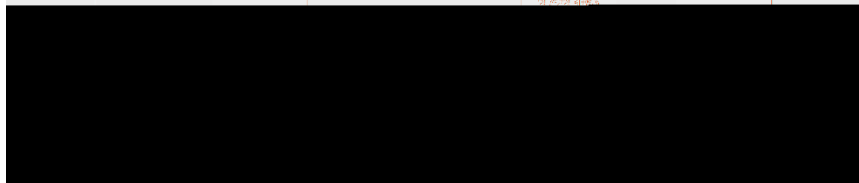
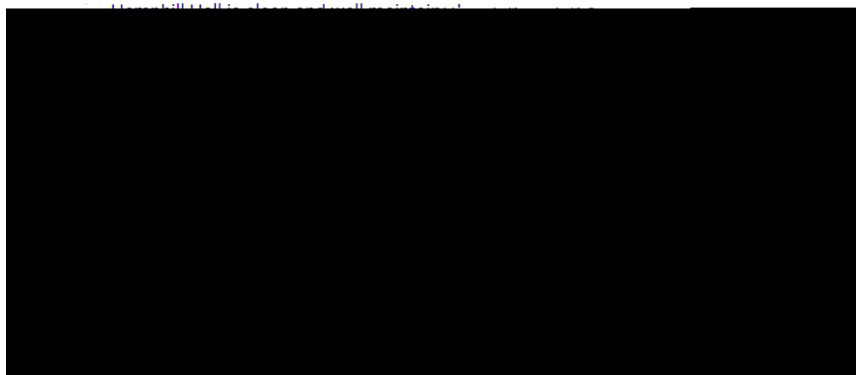
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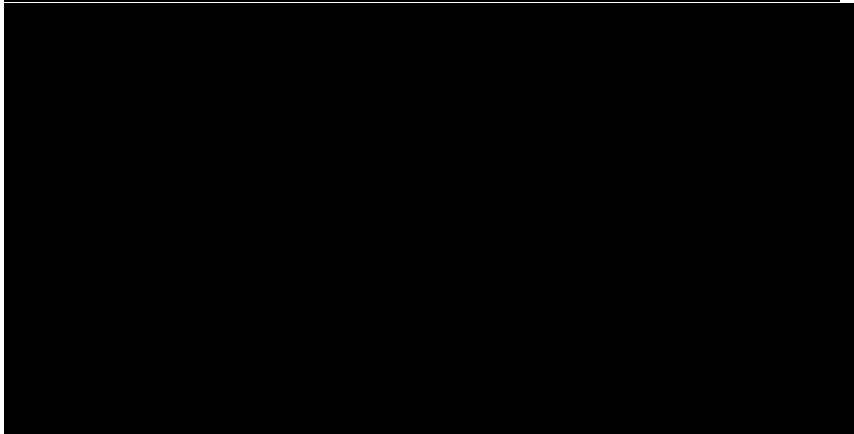
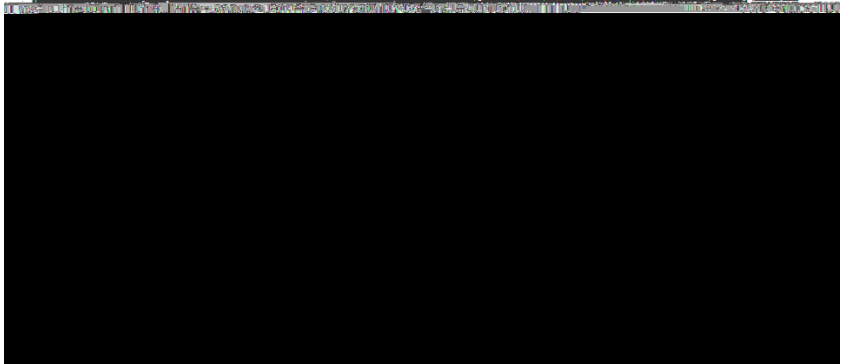
Observations of the Committee

Hemphill Hall was remodeled about 20 years ago and remains in good shape. The building has technology of some sort in most rooms. They recently got their accreditation, so the building continues to be well maintained. The building does have some issues with furniture. Also, their main auditorium could also use some attention. Finally, they do not have a good area for students to gather and work together.

Results of Faculty/Staff Survey

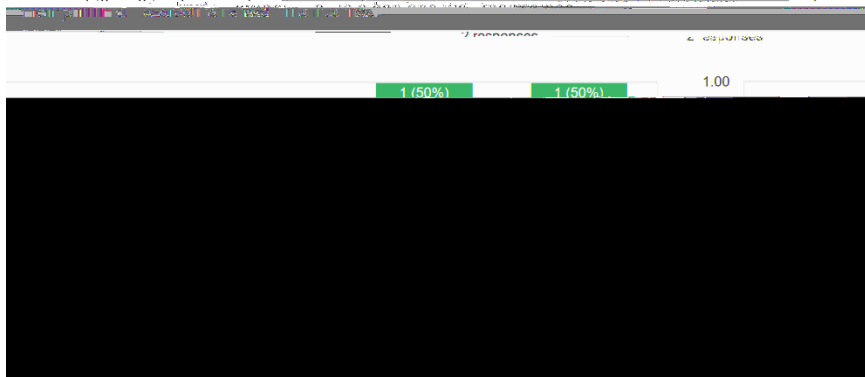
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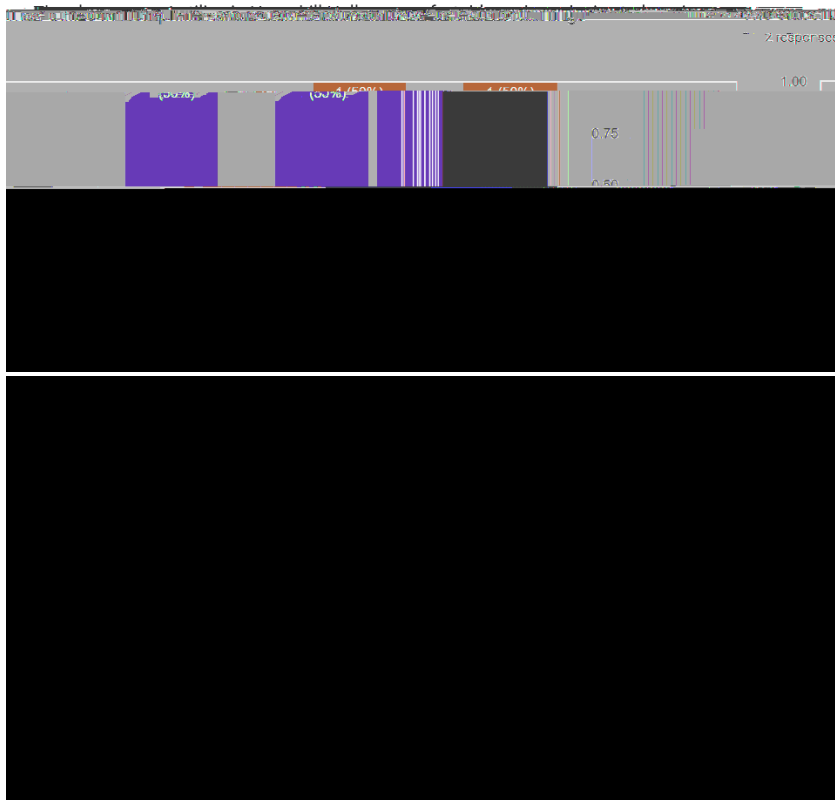
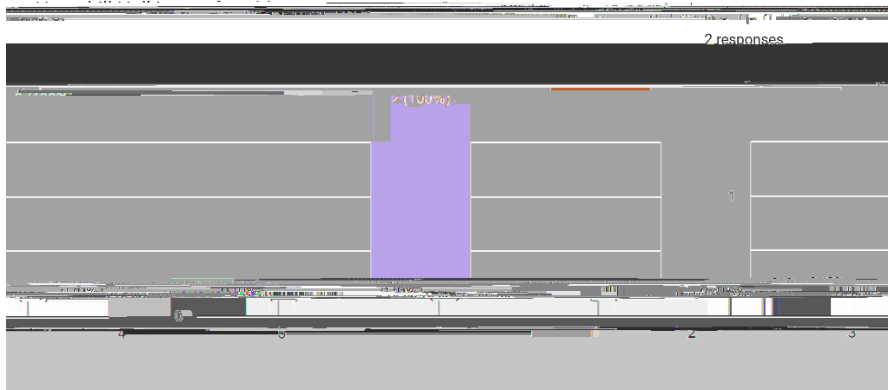




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Recommendations for Hemphill Hall

- x The lounge area at the entrance of the building is nice but rarely used. The lounge area may be better suited and used in another area of the building.
- x Stairwells need better cleaning and maintenance.
- x South doors need to be adjusted to open smoothly.
- x Access to power from all tables or desks.
- x Furniture that will fit a laptop or textbook. The desktops are currently too narrow.
- x Overall furniture in several rooms needs to be reviewed and updated.

Kitty Degree Hall

(Minor Concerns)

Observations of the Committee

Kitty Degree Hall is somewhat outdated but seems to still meet the student needs of the Nursing

Recommendations for Kitty Degree Hall

- x Examine and fix HVAC and/or roof issues
- x A complete interior remodel will need to be done eventually.

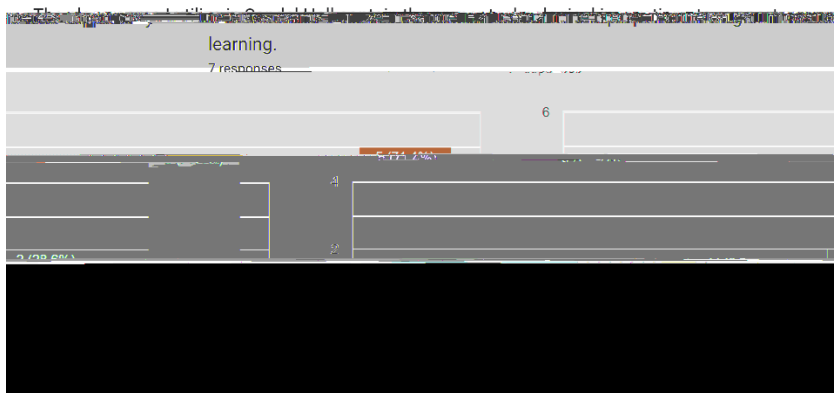
Sandel Hall

(Minor Concerns)

Observations of the Committee

Sandel Hall is the newest facility on campus

Results of Student Survey



Recommendations for Sandel Hall

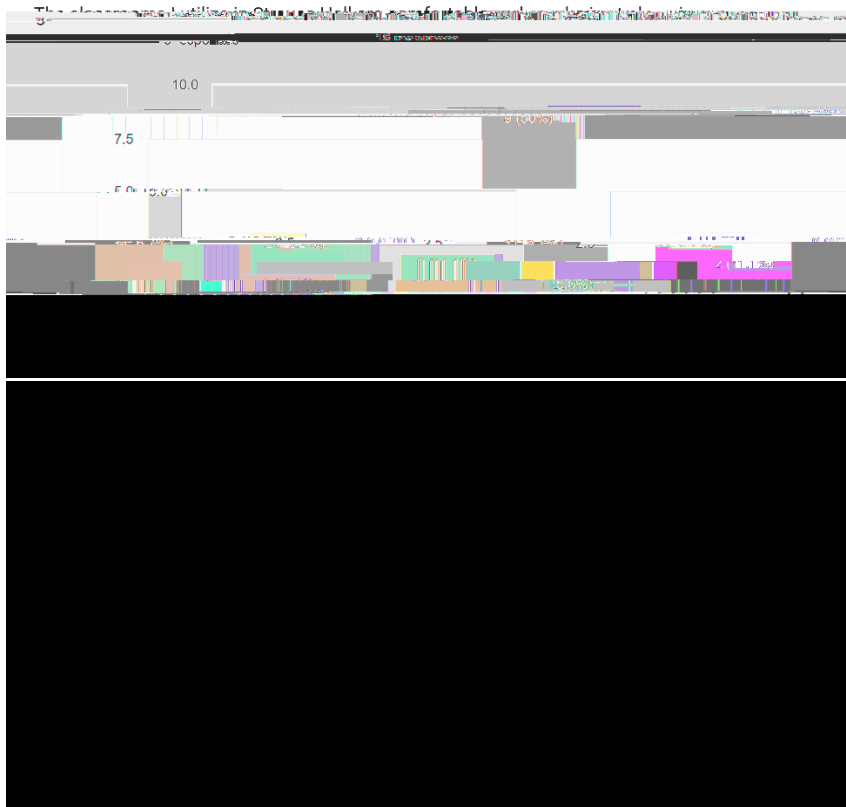
- x Good space to model other academic buildings off
- x Update conference areas and classrooms with ~~but~~ more accessible technology
- x Biology lab should be the model for labs across campus

Strauss Hall

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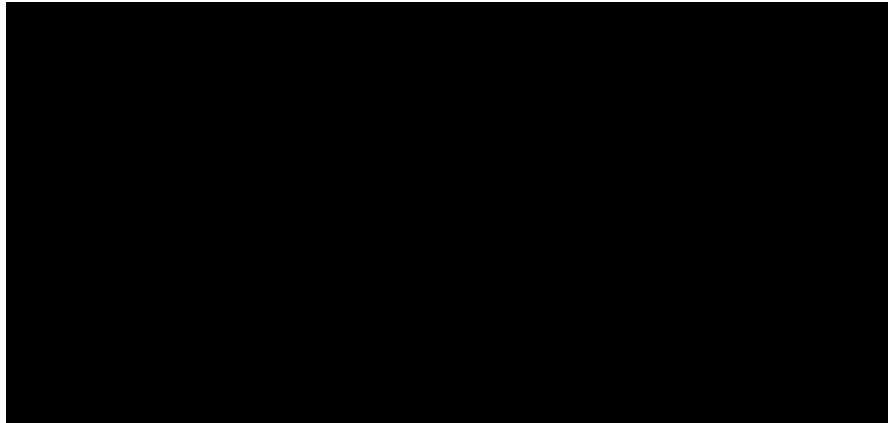
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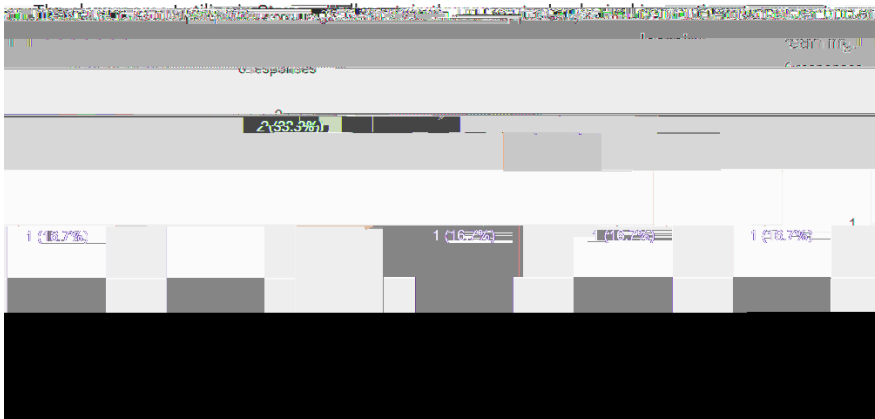
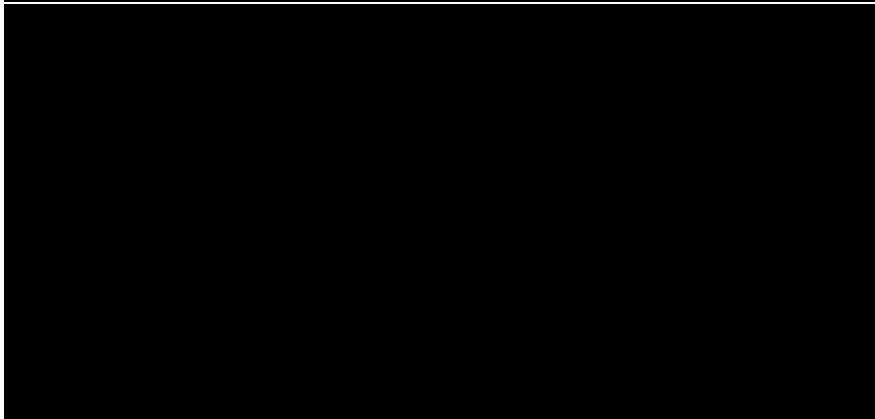
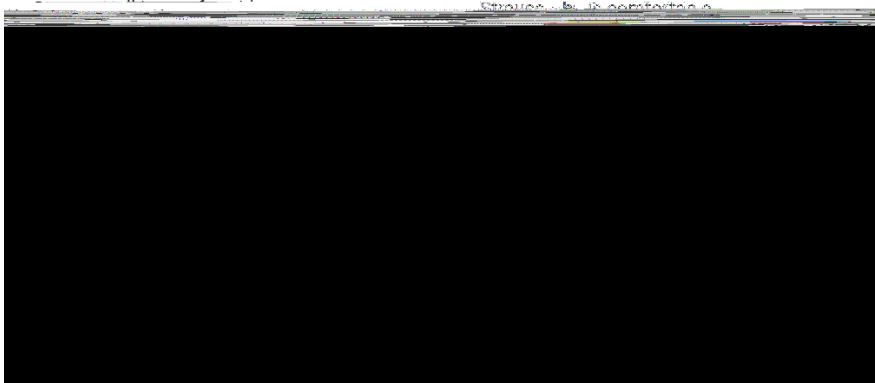
After an extensive tour of Strauss Hall, the Committee recommends a remodel of this facility



Results of Student Survey

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Recommendations for Strass Hall

- x The building will need interior remodel.
- x Power outlets should be accessible from every desk/table.
- x The cinderblock walls and small windows make classrooms uncomfortable. A remodel of classrooms should include fixing this issue.

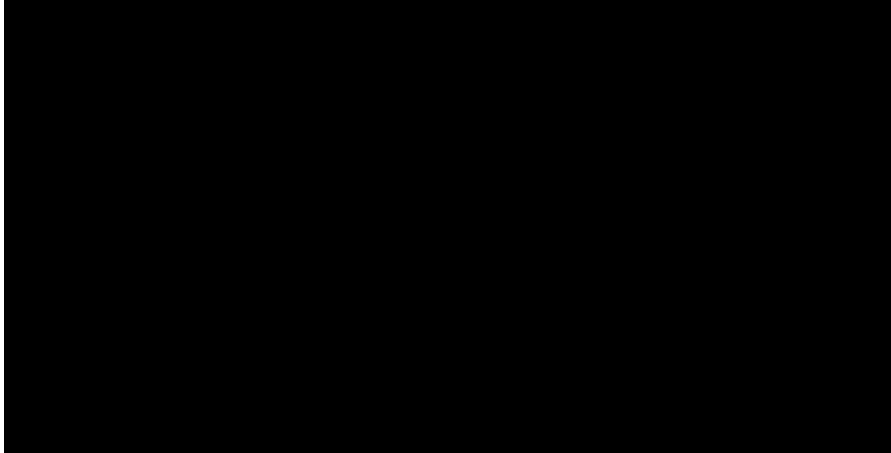
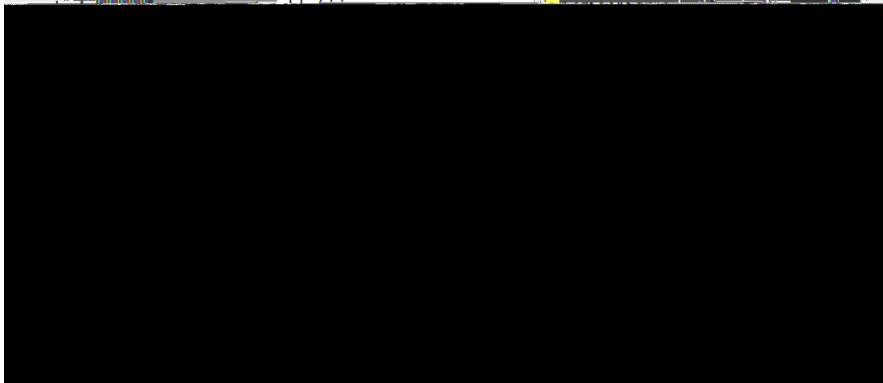
Stubbs Hall

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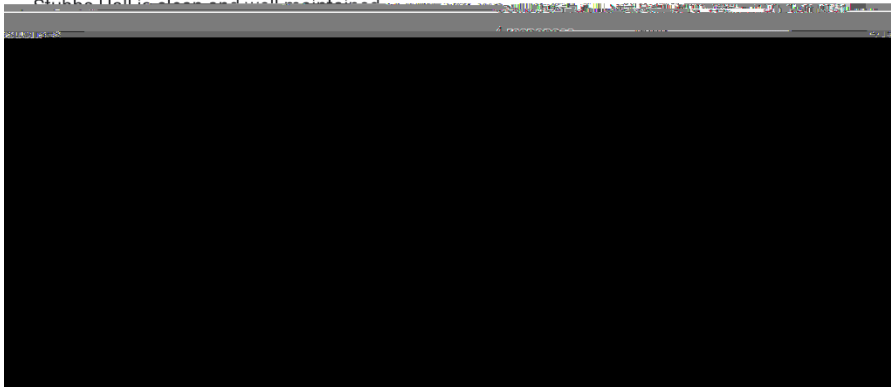
Stubbs is an interesting building. It has a lot of classrooms, but the usage of the building seems pretty minimal. The main item in the entire building that would be hard to replace and is often used is their large auditorium. Other than that, everything else could be moved to other locations on campus. This is why we are suggesting that it be torn down. (Possible ~~site~~ for Pharmacy building or parking garage)

Most of the building is in rough shape. The bathrooms, classroom, and furniture all need



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Recommendations for Stubbs Hall

- x Other than the use of the auditorium and some office space the building is not being used. These items can be moved to other locations in the university.

University Library

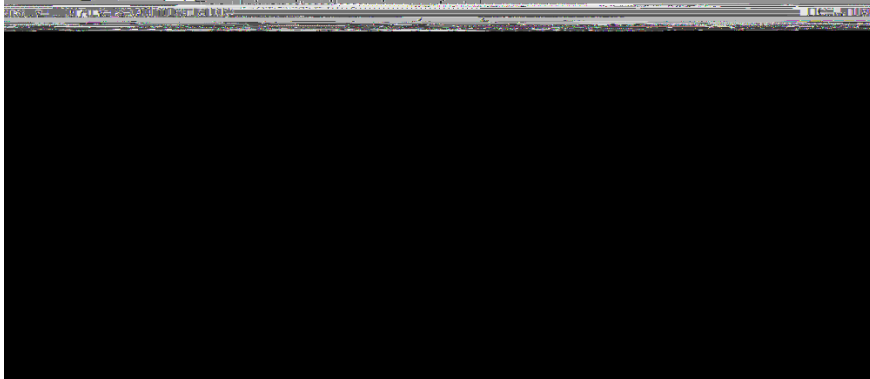
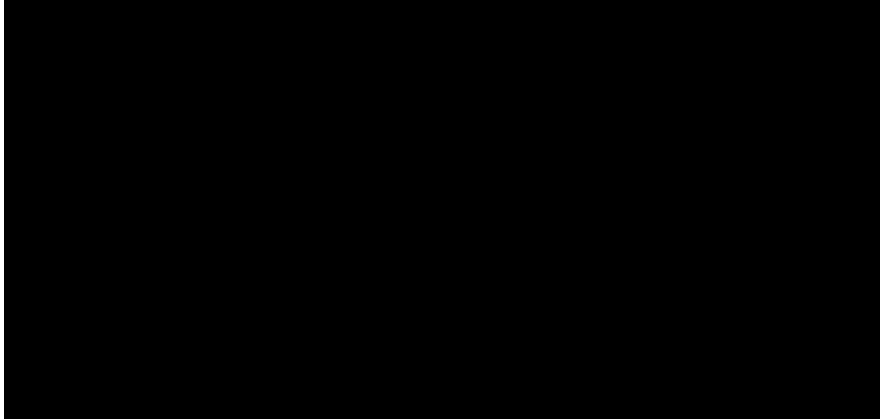
(Minor Concerns)

Observations of the Committee

After touring the teaching areas of the library, the Committee found the classrooms to be up to date with technological needs except for hybrid class capabilities. Also, the Committee noted the VR lab is seldom used and could be utilized more if computer classes were allowed to be scheduled in this room. The VR equipment is out of date and needs replacing. We also noted that there is ample room available on the fifth floor to add classroom space without losing all the study space for students. The library has 11 fully equipped study rooms as well for students to reserve. The spaces are quiet but could use a furniture upgrade to include tables and more comfortable chairs in each space. The desks in the current classroom spaces are adequate but could be updated.

Results of Faculty/Staff Survey

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Results of Student Survey

Recommendations for the University Library

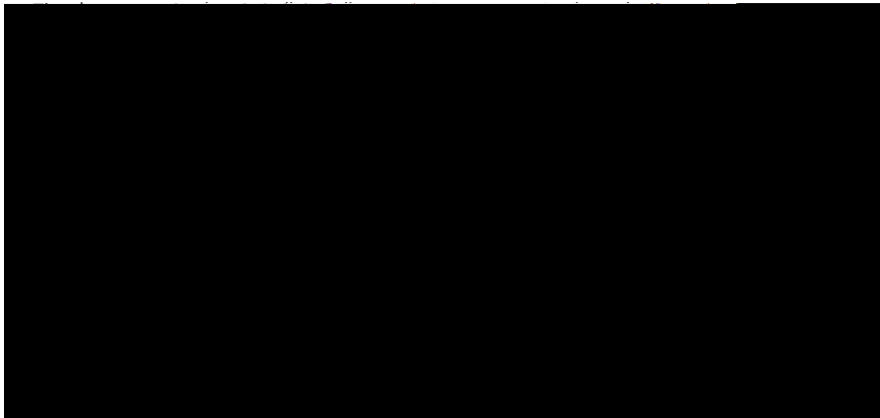
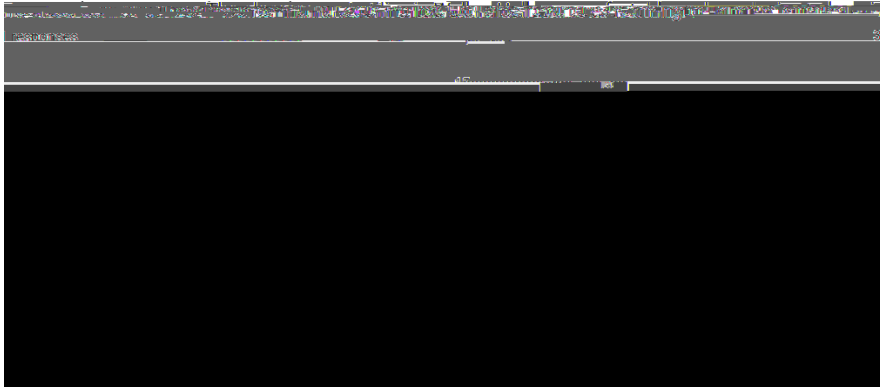
- x Remove chalkboards from all classrooms.
- x Add blinds or coverings on classroom windows to help with classroom warming in the afternoons.
- x Add option to tint or frost glass to classroom windows facing the library interior.
- x VR lab could be used as a computer lab only for classes.
- x Add cameras and microphones in classrooms to enable hybrid classes.

Walker Hall

(Major Concerns)

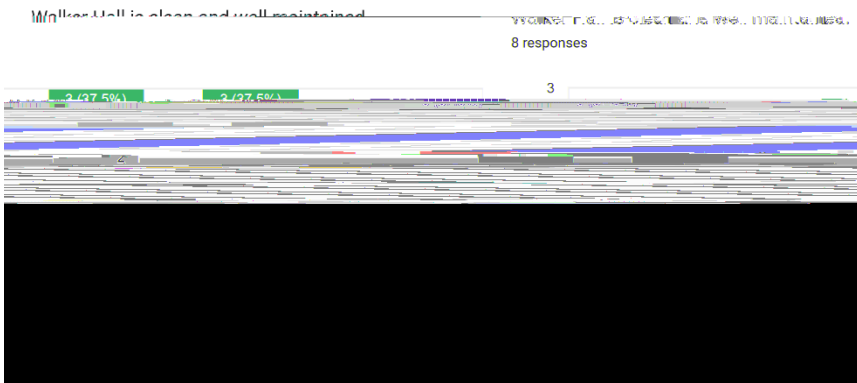
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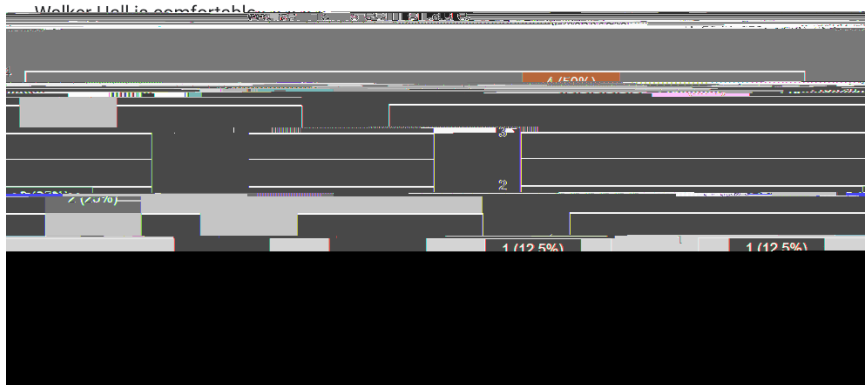
Walker Hall is one of the few buildings on campus that house classrooms being used by many different departments. Half of the first floor has been updated.



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Recommendations for Walker Hall

- x Half of the first floor, second floor, and third floor will eventually need complete remodel.
- x Fresh paints needed in classrooms, hallways, and bathrooms
- x Flooring needs to be updated/replaced to match throughout the building
- x Examine regular cleaning/maintenance practices.
- x Establish a new room numbering system. The current system is confusing and difficult to navigate.

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