

Dean Hamm met with the Faculty Advisory Committee and Senators, where he gave a brief report and then addressed our questions. This is a short summary of answers.

Slow responsiveness to problems by Facilities Services. Dean Hamm was aware of at least one exceptionally poor response and expressed confidence that it was being addressed. He urged that we call his office if problems arise.

Lab and office space. Pressures from hiring and funding abound, a problem he is pleased to work on. Short/medium term, space in Hutchinson floors 2, 4, and 6 being renovated. Bioinnovation center and LCRC have some space. Long term, Charity. Imminent contract between LSU and developer, hopefully. Then Tulane will contract with Developer. Dean Hamm expressed confidence that experts and architects are being consulted about myriad issues, like potential flooding and infrastructure needs for lab space. One nearby building (not named) is being considered for non-lab/office space.

Dr. Hering-Smith mentioned that the idea of making green space on the garage 7th floor is advancing slowly - now passed the legal liability questions.

Website status - needs continue but progress unknown.

New teaching spaces in Murphy are NOT expected to free any lab/office space in Hutchinson.

Regarding facilities like the cafeteria and bookstore, he had no information about their status or likelihood to continue, other than to mention that the cafeteria requires a subsidy. The gym is supposed to be available in the summer. He was informed of the suggestion that the Goldring Center for Culinary Medicine be put in charge of the Cafeteria.

Regarding access to labs during extended closures, such as for Hurricane Barry, Dean Hamm said the policy will likely continue, but exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis, as were made during Barry. Faculty needing to get to labs should ask for access."

In addition, Dr. Hamm asked to have the following issues to be further addressed in the next meeting:

- 1) Ask facilities manager to attend the coming meeting in order to address response to and repair of faulty building equipment or leaks during an emergency.
- 2) The fate of the cafeteria and bookstore.
- 3) Update on the outdoor space.