

DIVISION OF HEALTH SCIENCES
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2005

The newest addition to the Health Sciences Academic Campus will consist of a 300,000 gross square foot building which will house the School of Allied Health Sciences, the School of Nursing, and the William E. Laupus Health Sciences Library.

The building structural and facade work is basically completed. Installation of windows and completion of dry-in of the building will finish shortly. Installation of metal stud walls and HVAC rough-ins are completed throughout the building. Installation of drywall is complete in the Library, ongoing in Allied Health, and starting in Nursing. Painting, installation of ceiling grid, and HVAC ceiling work has started in the Library and will be moving into Allied Health and then Nursing. Installation of flooring and finishes will follow this work. The underground utilities, rough grading, and parking lots are completed on the site. The final asphalt paving surface, irrigation and landscaping is the site work that remains. The bidding of Audio/Visual equipment and negotiation of furniture purchases is underway. The project schedule is still working toward moving Allied Health at Spring Break as planned, and then moving Nursing and the Library after commencement in May.

School of Allied Health Sciences

The School of Allied Health Sciences (SAHS) will be the first to move into the new building with the inaugural day for classes being held on March 20, 2006 (Monday after Spring Break). This will allow extensive renovations to begin on the Carol Belk Building. During a one week time span, all nine departments in the School will move over 80 faculty and staff, and 562 degree-seeking students, most of whom are at the Masters and Doctoral levels.

To help accomplish this extraordinary task, SAHS hired a new Assistant Dean for Special Projects, whose primary focus will be moving and settling the School into its new facilities. Sixteen different teaching and research labs and clinics will also be moved requiring a timely transition that will not interfere with student instruction and patient services. Large and delicate equipment requiring specialized handling and calibration will need to be moved and installed, such as audiology sound booths, floor pressure plates, autoclave (sterilizer), chemistry analyzer, and balance chair to name a few. Hazardous materials used in the Department of Clinical Laboratory Science teaching labs will also require special packing and handling.

As a result of this mid-semester move, SAHS needed to develop two classroom schedules for the 2006 spring semester—one for the Belk building and one for the new facility. Of particular concern is ensuring that students, staff, and faculty have a place to park and know how to find classrooms, labs, and offices in the 127,000 square feet assigned to the School. Telephone numbers will change, wireless classrooms will be radically different than the dated Belk Building teaching environment, and for the first time, Allied Health will not sit alone, separated from the other Schools in the Division of Health Sciences. Long-term goals are to create one-stop services for students on the West Campus (e.g., registrar, cashier, admissions, financial aid, parking office, dining and recreational services, student health services, and easy access to the East Campus). For the first time, we will be able to create a unified Academic Health Center that will strengthen the proud heritage of ECU as a leader in the East and an innovator in the state.

School of Nursing

The SON is looking forward with great enthusiasm to occupying its space in the new building on the West Campus in May, 2006. The School plans to relocate all of its 85+ faculty, 30+ staff, 32+ Graduate Assistants and 800+ undergraduate and graduate majors. Of special note will be the new teaching laboratories where clinical simulation of patient care scenarios will be the closest thing to "reality" as students learn the application of the latest technologies to managing clinical care. In addition, dedicated space for research, which has been totally lacking in the current location, will allow expansion of research programs of faculty and doctoral students. Classroom spaces with state-of-the-art technology will be present to accommodate a growing student enrollment in all programs. New and modern faculty offices (most have windows) will be a welcome and pleasant change for the faculty. While preparing for a move of this magnitude is somewhat overwhelming, this is truly an exciting time for the school as this new building brings the Health Sciences Division schools in closer geographic proximity, thus facilitating advancement of interdisciplinary teaching, research, and practice initiatives.

William E. Laupus Health Sciences Library

Mid May 2006 is the target move date for the Laupus Library. In order to facilitate an efficient and timely transition, access to the library will need to be suspended during the move. A two-week time period is anticipated to complete the move. One of the goals during the transition period is to maintain access to the library's electronic resources. Loss of electronic resources is anticipated to be less than a day. All current library resources and collections will be moved and accessible in the new library. A total of 42 employees (14 EPA and 28 SPA employees) will be affected by the move.

There are 149,200 estimated items to be relocated, i.e., 42,600 monographs or books; 94,000 bound journals; 4,600 audio visual programs; and 8,000 microform units.

The new library is significantly larger than the present facility.

An atmosphere conducive to study, research, technology use and collaboration has been incorporated into the design of the new area.

Some of the additional features of the new library include:

- More and better group and individual study rooms
- Improved soft/casual seating
- Comfortable study space and computer use space
- Lots of natural light
- Instructional technology space
- Wireless capability
- Space devoted to History of Medicine collections and artifacts
- Special events space on the 4th floor

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