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Extreme Makeover Task Force
Meeting Summary
March 18, 2010
3:30, Rm. 486

Present: Alberta Bailey, Donnie Blagg, Molly Boyd, Allon Callahan, Ben Carter, Anne Marie Candido, Donna Daniels, Elaine Dong, Sheri Gallaher, Tess Gibson, Lynaire Hartsell, Roy Hatcher, Jimmy Jackson, Judy Ganson, Necia Parker-Gibson, Jeremy Smith, Sarah Spiegel, Juana Young

Services we should offer but are not offering: put textbooks on reserve, provide a browsing area for books (new books and leisure reading books), magazines, film videos, etc., provide vending machines with supplies, lounge areas, pod of open seating for waiting & gathering, copiers with electronic sheet feeder, etc., more scanners, campus delivery of books, more laptops (?), possibly a station for supplies (but these are often stolen or broken)

Services we don’t need to offer any longer: east desk and maybe west desk (group study could be provided at main service desk, and self check-out machines could eliminate most of need for checkout of books at main service desk), large reference book collection on main floor, display of most journals for browsing, some microform collections (ERIC docs, etc.) in Periodicals Room, possibility of open-shelving ILL pickup to eliminate need for pickup at main desk, but a privacy issue here. (Some of these issues should be discussed in public services and tech services meetings.) Microform readers located near main service desk for after-hours use—copiers too.

Possibly remove glass from west hallway to lobby, but this seems to serve as a desired barrier from the weather outside as people enter the building.

Currently there are 102 computer stations; at the very least 20 computer should be added (up to 40 or so). A combination of e-osks and wireless access, scanning machines, ADA-compliant machines should be provided. Make computers achieve more functionality to increase student options rather than limiting them.

Juana asked that those with more conservative and less expensive plans begin to present their ideas first. Roy: Plan E (on Sharepoint) uses existing furniture. Plan F is more radical. Necia, Anne Marie, Donna (on behalf of Ref), Jeremy, and Allon also offered fairly conservative plans, although Jeremy’s called for placement of the GACL in the Periodicals Room. Perhaps the floor in Periodicals Room could be raised to allow for easier wiring.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 30, at 3:30 in Rm. 486. Everyone should scan their plans and post them on Sharepoint by Friday. Roy Hatcher will try to “draw” up ideas to date and look for commonalities.