

## SAB Meeting Minutes – 04-22-2020

- Guest speakers – Andrea and Amaris (University Interior Design)
  - Project Updates
    - PAC Renovations are still under way and should be finished by February
    - Aquatic center should be open by November
    - Wellness Center, HP renovations, religious life, and other projects that were slated to be started are delayed (state funding for these projects has been redirected)
    - BE Lounge
      - Lounge furniture will be added
      - Whiteboard tables
      - Large monitor with Mersive Solstice for presenting/collaborative projects
    - Lower level of the library
      - Ideas are being pursued to make the area less “creepy”
      - The walls have been painted
      - Furniture is being replaced
    - Looked into the power issues brought up in the past
      - The LA building is being looked into with outlets not working
      - The ED building also has tables with outlets that are not working well and are being worked on
      - Science Center classrooms with flickering lights were addressed but they can’t find the problem
    - Still looking into baby changing tables in Men’s bathrooms
      - Hopefully will be addressed by next fall
    - Working on getting new building signs and increasing signage
  - Member suggestions
    - There’s not enough signage in the lower level of Rice Library. It is very easy to get lost
    - The path between PC3 and Dunning is really muddy and the stepping stones are sinking in the mud
  - Questions
    - Is the Mersive software used anywhere else on campus?
      - There may be one or two more on campus but it is not very widespread because they don’t think it’s effective unless students are willing to use it so right now its in more of a pilot stage
    - Could Mersive be added as an application on the my usi page?
      - This is a good idea, but they can’t really speak to if it will happen because IT is mainly in charge of that
    - Can we get more information about the path across the quad?
      - Before the shutdown, they were pursuing a landscape architect to help coordinate the whole campus including that path

- Is there any way to make the piano stairs a more useful study space?
      - Options have been pursued in the past but it can be looked into again
      - If this is an issue, reach out to the college deans (Business and Pott) to see if there can be funding put towards it.
      - Facilities can look into adding more outlets along the stairs for students charging devices while they study
    - Is there a way to put in any more water bottle filling water fountains in the BE because there is only one on the main floor
      - They are spread out because funding was limited when they were initially put in, but if colleges were willing to fund adding more of these then that could be updated
- Is there anything going on with students that should be addressed?
  - A student in a biology class got a zero on a test because they submitted it in the wrong format
    - This should be brought up with the department chair and Dr. Bower can also make sure that this is brought up to them.
  - Are professors supposed to have the grades updated by Monday because that is the deadline for pass/fall
    - Not sure if it is mandatory or highly suggested, but Dr Bower can make a pitch to the department heads to encourage their departments to get all grades in before then
- New member introductions
- Peer mentor interviews went well
- Ambassadors have been chosen
- PC3 is halfway full now
- Running series funding has been secured
  - Need to put together an operations crew
- Recognition of the upcoming graduates