

## **CELS Space Committee Minutes**

**9/10/21**

Present: Dawn Cardace (Chair, Notes), Hollie Putnam, Brian Gerber, Corey Lang, Thomas Mather, Jeff Ulricksen, Cheryl Wilga.

Absent: Austin Humphries and Joel Chandlee (possible substitute for Oct, Nov, Dec meetings)

### POINTS OF DISCUSSION.

1/ CELS Space Committee is ready to help with any necessary new space requests from Chairpersons looking to house new graduate students across CELS. At present, we expect requests to come from Dept Chairs, not PIs.

2/ Please note: In our past discussions of shared spaces, graduate student offices/postdoc spaces were not considered; these offices are not part of our shared spaces mapping, and point persons were not identified.

3/ Space requests should come in, organized, through the google form, currently linked to our CELS Committee website.

Link straight to form?

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbUWiqhuviRhtyuZB8ZoSoKoys1L12dzMrAOJ4itMiZSw6zg/viewform>

4/ We reviewed Ying Zhang's request for chemical hood access plus two bench top surfaces nearby. After walking through CBLS hood areas and conversation with current PIs in CBLS490 (Dawn Cardace and Serena Moseman-Valtierra), Ying would be glad to share CBLS490 chemical hood access with Dawn Cardace and Serena Moseman-Valtierra, and to work on nearby bench surfaces in CBLS490 for a 3-year-long trial period, after which this space use can be re-assessed. We recommend that the Dean's Office approve this plan.

5/ We clarified that there is limited free bench space on the 3rd floor of CBLS [CBLS 360, at back on left], formerly used by Kathryn Ramsay, between Arnob and Niall. If there is an emerging additional space need, this could be considered.

6/ Fall semester meetings to be held on second Fridays at 1pm [Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10] via zoom @ <https://uri-edu.zoom.us/my/cardace>

We will revisit scheduling for Spring term.

Thanks to all for being there, have a great weekend! -Dawn

## **CELS Space Committee Minutes**

**10/8/21**

We had scheduled a brief zoom meeting for today, 10/8/21, at 1pm. There are no active space requests nor outstanding business, so we did not meet.

## **CELS Space Committee Minutes**

**11/12/21**

Present: Dawn Cardace (Chair, Notes), Corey Lang, Thomas Mather, Jeff Ulricksen.

Separate comment in advance: Hollie Putnam, Brian Gerber, Cheryl Wilga.

Absent: Joel Chandlee (possible substitute for Oct, Nov, Dec meetings)

### POINTS OF DISCUSSION.

1/ PI Steven Gregory (CMB) submitted a digital space request for bench space in CBLS360. PI Gregory has funded research to complete and intention to build research capacity in a new direction, with which he has past experience.

The lab room in question is indeed CBLS360, previously reserved for PI Kathryn Ramsey's use, now available. The "bench" being requested is made of two side-by-side lab counters (each approx. 6 ft long, 2'6" deep) with overhead shelving and knee wells and drawers, plus the adjacent work table. The desired research work space extends the entire length of the wall, from the lab interior to the window, adjacent to CBLS370.

All CELS Space Committee members present (Cardace, Lang, Mather, Humphries) recommend to approve this space allocation; two CELS Space Committee members (Putnam, Gerber) concur via email. 6 of 7 members thus recommend allocation of desired space to PI Gregory.

2/ We are concerned as a committee that the density of labs and researchers in CBLS is hitting a critical threshold. We worry that PIs are having to set up fume hood use too tightly (e.g., setting up simultaneous hood use or scheduling hood use sequentially, rotating through projects) and that PIs are having to negotiate for small footprint needs, such as for a single bench (~6ft by 2.5 ft counter areas) space, as has been happening in recent requests. Not only might there be chemical hygiene, workplace safety, and/or productivity concerns with such close quarters, but high quality, innovative scientific pursuit has the potential to be compromised. THERE IS A CLEAR NEED FOR ADDITIONAL RESEARCH SPACE FOR CELS.

3/ We strongly call for CELS level financial commitment to fundamental improvements (e.g., bringing electrical panels and outlets up to current code, dealing with repeated plumbing and ventilation failures) to the research infrastructure in our aging facilities (e.g., Woodward Hall). PIs AND DEPARTMENTS SHOULD NOT BE CHARGED WITH COSTS OF BRINGING AIR HANDLING UNITS, OUTLETS, ELECTRICAL PANELS ETC TO CURRENT, CORRECT FUNCTION.

4/ REMINDER. Fall 2021 meetings to be held on second Fridays at 1pm [Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10] via zoom @ <https://uri-edu.zoom.us/my/cardace>

**CELS Space Committee Minutes****12/10/21**

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Separate comment in advance: Cheryl Wilga.

Absent: Hollie Putnam, Austin Humphries, Thomas Mather.

1/ We approve posting of these running minutes.

2/ We plan to schedule a meeting with John Kirby in January if systemic lab improvements (such as out-of-code electric) need to be made across CELS labs. Small footprint problems (e.g., one space that serves one research group) can be dealt with outside of committee time.

3/ Unless we must make a change, we will hold Spring 2022 committee meetings on the second Fridays of each month [1/14/22, 2/11/22, 3/11/22, 4/8/22, 5/13/22], 1pm, via zoom @ <https://uri-edu.zoom.us/my/cardace>