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From: Fethke, Gary C
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 12:18 PM
To: Gardial, Sarah
Subject: RE: PBB modifications

Sarah,

You're right, I'm extremely interested in maintaining the coherency of our building. I was deeply involved with the project from the very beginning (emotionally, physically, and financially), and I have the greatest respect for ARC and the value they provided us. As I told Kurt, when we needed to change things for the undergraduate program, we went back to them ,and they did a great job. I would have done the same this time, and expected in return, a thoughtful, imaginative response. I ask myself: "What would Joe Maybank (deceased principle of ARC) think about these changes;" maybe he would agree with OPN, even if I don't.

That said, that was then, and this is now. You have to make the best decisions for the College, and I have to stay out of the way. Carol gave me a tongue lashing for speaking out on this, saying that I'm not being helpful to you. Still, what would you think of being told: "Your first born needs refreshing!"

Best,

Gary

From: Gardial, Sarah
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 11:16 AM
To: Fethke, Gary C
Cc: Lehnertz, Rodney P; Anstreicher, Kurt M
Subject: FW: PBB modifications

I am sorry that I missed you yesterday when you were here, Gary. I stepped out to visit [redacted] who is in very poor shape at [redacted] right now. He and [redacted] have had a really tough time since last fall [redacted]

I understand your concern about making changes to the building that might significantly change the design intent. You and others put your heart and soul into the building, and I know that you hold it dear. Trust me that we would not be contemplating any changes if it wasn't necessary. We simply have a building that, in addition to being at capacity, is being used in a way that was not intended by the original designers. The two hallway entrances on Jefferson and Anne Cleary are not capable of serving as major entrances, and we need to expand the hallways to accommodate traffic. Removing some (not all) of the columns allows us to open up the space without – I don't believe – altering the design intent. I would like to share the drawings with you at a convenient time so you can see for yourself the nature of the changes.

That being said, I think you be reassured to know that Rod Lehnertz is in discussions with the original architectural firm. Specifically, he writes the following:

"We are discussing the impacts of the (OPN) study plan, to their interior architectural expression, designed 25 years ago. The new design elements, while certainly changing layouts, are intended to maintain the reference to post-modernism present throughout the building. Additionally, if there are serious concerns (I don't expect them), I and OPN agree that some changes can be made while maintaining most/all of the intended space improvements.

Additionally, the exterior remains fully intact as designed, and I expect that is of more interest to the designer."

Let me know when you would like to look over the drawings.

All the best.

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"It is a waste of important potential if (institutions) do not make use of the special freedoms they have been given...to facilitate change rather than automatically endorsing the status quo...to act and not merely react; to initiate, even to gamble and dare." Waldemar A. Nielson