

**Subject: Lecture Hall Renovations Questions**

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Greg, Craig:

When the General Contractor does the "demolition" part of the renovation, we have the possibility of requesting the chalkboards and the screens to be saved for the Chemistry department. Do we want to save any of the chalkboards or either of the three projector screens?

I requested that the Chem Dept be allowed to have someone sit in on the weekly Progress Meetings of the renovation project. Ed G. said he would pass along that request. We don't have to do this - but it seems to make sense to me to make sure that we at least know what is happening, and what was done since we will be living with the final product for a while. Since so much of the renovation includes "technology" and "lights" and such, as well as the normal physical plant stuff, it is not clear to me whether Patty or Greg might be interested in doing this. So I'll leave it up to you folks to decide.

Evidently code requires that some of the fluorescent lights be "deemed" emergency lights which means that they are ALWAYS ON. I think this presents a problem for the real occasions where we need to be able to completely darken the lecture hall. Solutions that Ed G. will explore include...

- a. Put the emergency lights onto the existing emergency generator. This can work if the capacity for the extra load exists and if the generator automatically kicks on in the event of a power outage.
- b. Install a "locked, keyed" on/off switch that will allow the owner of the key to turn off the emergency lights on occasion.

Finally, I requested that a set of blueprints and the spec book be provided to the Department as soon as the revised blueprints are ready. (Eugene and I spent 2.5 hours going over the blueprints with Ed G. on Friday, 4/6. The blueprints pretty much reflect everything we requested in our report. There were some minor mistakes and misrepresentations, but nothing major.)

Cheers,

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Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence. -- Abigail Adams, 1780