MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. R. Bowen Loftin

SUBJECT: CBE Recommendation: Decommission 3067 Allen Building

At its September 11, 2012 meeting, the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) discussed a request from the Department of Economics to Decommission Room 3067 of the Allen Building from a classroom to research space. The space will provide support to a new research initiative on Behavioral Economics and Public Policy (BEPP), an initiative that will involve faculty, graduate and undergraduate students.

Facilities Utilization Sub-Council (FURsc) – supports the request for decommissioning and notes that the Office of the Registrar reports the utilization of the room for regularly scheduled classes has historically been low, and observes the room probably should have been removed from the classroom inventory already. The Department confirms that the loss of 3067 as a classroom will not adversely impact the delivery of the mainly graduate classes previously held in the space and that affected classes have been distributed across other classroom sites.

CBE voted unanimously to recommend the President's approval of the request to decommission Room 3067 of the Allen Building from a classroom space to a research space.

R. Bowen Loftin
President

cc: Sub-Council Chairs, Council on the Built Environment
Dr. José Bermúdez, Dean, College of Liberal Arts
Dr. Timothy J. Gronberg, Department Head of Economics
MEMORANDUM

TO: Rodney P. McClendon, Vice President of Administration

THROUGH: Karan L. Watson, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

THROUGH: José Luis Bermúdez, Dean of Liberal Arts

FROM: Timothy J. Gronberg, Department Head of Economics

DATE: August 3, 2012

SUBJECT: Decommission Room 3067 Allen Building as a Classroom

I am requesting that Room 3067 in the Allen Building be decommissioned as a classroom space. We intend to convert 3067 to a research space. The research space will provide infrastructure support to a new research initiative on Behavioral Economics and Public Policy (BEPP). The BEPP initiative is headed up by Catherine Eckel, whom we recently hired as a Full Professor in our department. Research activities involving faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students will take place in the 3067 space.

The loss of 3067 as a classroom will not adversely impact delivery of the (mainly graduate level) classes that were held in that classroom. The affected classes have been distributed across other classroom sites.
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To: Dr. Karan Watson
   Chair, Council for the Built Environment

   Dr. Rodney McClendon
   Chair, Council for the Built Environment

Subject: Decommissioning classroom in Allen Building (Building 1607, room 3067)

RECOMMENDATION
The Council for the Built Environment’s (CBE) Facilities Utilization Review sub-committee (FURsc) recommends that the CBE support the request by the Department of Economics to decommission room 3067 in the Allen building from a classroom to research space. The space will be used to provide support for a new initiative on Behavioral Economics and Public Policy (BEPP), headed by new hire in the department, Dr. Catherine Eckle, full professor.

SCOPE
The FURsc met this morning to consider the request by the Department of Economics to decommission room 3067 in the Allen building from a classroom to research space to provide support for a new initiative on Behavioral Economics and Public Policy (BEPP), headed by new hire in the department, Dr. Catherine Eckle, full professor. The Office of the Registrar notes that utilization of this room for regularly scheduled classes has historically been low and that this room probably should have been removed from the classroom inventory already. The Department of Economics notes that conversion of this space will not adversely impact delivery of the (mainly graduate level) classes that were held in that classroom. The affected classes have been distributed across other classroom sites.

We are pleased to offer this recommendation and welcome further inquiries related to this analysis.

Sincerely,

James Massey
Chairman, CBE-Facilities Utilization Review sub-council
Interim Associate Vice President for Facilities

Attachments
CC: CBE-FURsc members