April 18, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Mark A. Hussey
    Interim President, Texas A&M University

SUBJECT: CBE Recommendation: Cain Hall C-Wing Renovations

At its April 8, 2014 meeting, the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) discussed a request from Student Life requesting renovations to the first floor of the C-wing in Cain hall during the Spring of 2014.

Cain Hall was originally constructed in the early 70’s as an athletic dormitory. The C-wing of Cain Hall is now used as offices by the Offices of the Dean of Student Life. At the present time the second floor and the third floor of the C-wing have been renovated.

During the renovation of the first floor, space would be captured at the location of the mid-wing exit and renovated into office space. This would require that the exit located in the courtyard between the C-wing and B-wing of Cain Hall be permanently closed. When the building was originally constructed as an athletic dorm this exit was used as a walk way to the dining facility (located in the B-wing of Cain Hall). The floor will still have exits located at each end of the first floor.

Recommendations from the Sub-Councils:

Design Review Sub-Council (DRsc) – The DRsc recommends approval of the request for renovations to Cain Hall’s C-Wing as presented.

Technical Review Sub-Council (TRsc) – The TRsc supports the proposed change and recommends approval, provided the following concerns are addressed and funded.

- CIS Networking
  No technical objections to the project, but consideration should be given to making the rear entrance (near the service parking spaces) easier to use.

- Facilities Services
  Facility Services Supports this project.

The project team should coordinate with Grounds Management for landscaping and irrigation concerns.
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The project team should ensure that the facility is designed to minimize, as much as practical, the effort needed for future maintenance. It is preferred that items requiring maintenance be easy to service, be easily accessible from ground or floor level, have generous clearances and be easy to isolate from energy sources with minimal impact to the rest of the facility.

The project team should ensure that existing crawl space ventilation is maintained.

- Environmental Health & Safety
  EHS has reviewed the proposal to renovate the first floor of c-wing in Cain Hall. EHS supports the proposal. The only concerns are routine issues that are present with any renovation:
  - Asbestos testing is required when removing walls and floor coverings.
  - The fire alarm system must remain operational during the renovation but smoke detectors must be protected from construction dust
  - Fire and life Safety must be involved to review renovation plans to ensure that the fire alarm and suppression system are changed appropriately (already in progress).

The CBE voted unanimously to recommend the President’s approval, with noted caveats, the request from Student Life requesting renovations to the first floor of the C-wing in Cain hall during the Spring of 2014.

Karan L. Watson 4-22-14
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

B. J. Crain 4-21-14
Vice President for Finance and Administration
Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

Concur or not concur with CBE’s recommendation:

Mark A. Hussey 4.24.2014
Interim President

cc: Joe Weber, Vice President for Student Affairs
    Sub-Council Chairs, Council for the Built Environment
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TO: B.J. Crain  
Vice President for Finance & Chief Financial Officer

Dr. Karan Watson  
Provost and Executive Vice President

THROUGH: LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret.)  
Vice President for Student Affairs

THROUGH: Dr. David W. Parrott  
Executive Associate Vice President and Chief of Staff

FROM: Dr. Anne Reber  
Dean of Student Life

DATE: January 6, 2014

SUBJECT: CBE Request - Renovations to C-Wing Cain Hall – 1st floor

Cain Hall was originally constructed in the early 70’s as an athletic dormitory. The C-wing of Cain Hall is now used as offices by the Offices of the Dean of Student Life. At the present time the second floor and the third floor of the C-wing have been renovated. It is our plan to renovate the first floor of the C-wing during the Spring of 2014. During the renovation of the first floor we would like to capture the space that is now a mid-wing exit and renovate this space into office space. This would require that the exit located in the courtyard between the C-wing and B-wing of Cain Hall be permanently closed. When the building was originally constructed as an athletic dorm this exit was used as a walkway to the dining facility (located in the B-wing of Cain Hall). The floor will still have exits located at each end of the first floor.

We are requesting approval to renovate and permanently close this exit. We would like to incorporate this change during the renovation process for both economical and constructional time-frame reasons.

Thank you for taking the time to review our request, and we look forward to speaking to the sub-councils in the very near future.

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TO: Dr. Karan Watson  
   Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment  
   Ms. B.J. Crain  
   Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

FROM: Ms. Lilia Gonzales, AIA  
       University Architect and Chair, Design Review Sub-Council

DATE: March 4, 2014

RE: Design Review Sub-Council (DRsc) Report  
    Cain Hall – Renovations to C-Wing

On February 12, 2014 the Design Review sub-council reviewed a request from Student Affairs for renovations to Cain Hall’s C-Wing on the first floor.

The request is for permanent closure of the mid-wing exit, so that the area can be converted into office space. The existing window/door system will be moved to accommodate the new office space and be replaced with fixed glazing to match the adjacent windows in regards to frame finish and glazing.

Recommendation  
The DRsc recommends approval of the request for renovations to Cain Hall’s C-Wing as presented.

Please let us know if you need additional information.

cc: Anne Reber  
    DRsc Members  
    Bettyann Zito
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Karan Watson
    Co-chair, Council on the Built Environment

    Ms. B. J. Crain
    Co-chair, Council on the Built Environment

FROM: Tom Reber
    Chair, CBE Technical Review Sub-council

DATE: February 18, 2014

SUBJECT: CBE TRsc Recommendation: Renovations to C-Wing, Cain Hall (1st Floor)

On Monday, February 10, 2014, Dr. Anne Reber, Dean of Student Life, presented to the CBE's Technical Review Sub-council on the proposed renovation of the Cain Hall C-Wing first floor during Spring 2014. The renovation would capture space that is now a C- and B-Wing exit, transforming this area into office space. This will necessitate the permanent closing of that exit, leaving exits at each end of the first floor.

Recommendation
The Technical Review Sub-council supports the proposed change and recommends approval, provided the following concerns are addressed and funded.

CIS Networking
No technical objections to the project, but consideration should be given to making the rear entrance (near the service parking spaces) easier to use.

Facilities Services
Facility Services Supports this project.

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No other concerns were expressed.

Xc: CBE Technical Review Sub-council
    CBE Support Staff