

MINUTES

Uris Vision Committee
November 19, 2018

In attendance:

Co-Chairs: Jean Howard, Maya Tolstoy

Professors: Peter Bearman, Farah Griffin, Ruben Gonzalez, Oliver Hobert, John Huber, Pamela Smith, Christopher Washburne, Tian Zheng

Libraries: Barbara Rockenbach

Students: Mike Ford, William Veitch

Ex-Officio: Carlos Alonso, Gene Villalobos

Staff: Jessica Guenzel, Fredrik Palm, Rose Razaghian

1. Minutes from the prior meeting were approved.
2. The Committee discussed changes in the plan for the base, the first three floors. Specifically, that we include a potential small performance-oriented space on the first floor; that rental fees should be kept at a minimum for the conference center; and that the building not be used for administrative offices but for meeting the teaching and research needs of faculty and students. We were assured that from an architectural point of view, what we had proposed for the base was feasible and could be used to issue RFPs for architectural bids.
3. The committee then discussed how to approach the tower, the top five floors, in ways that would extend the principles of collaboration, interdisciplinarity, shared use, and flexibility that are shaping our vision of the base. Among the issues discussed were how many permanent and how many temporary occupants would be ideal; how much space should be assigned in the building to existing units on campus; by what process inclusion in the building would be established; and how individual floors should be built out.
4. The committee decided that the tower should have a unifying rubric, but that activities within those floors needed to be differentiated to meet the needs of different working groups and academic units. The committee urged that some space be given to existing units on campus and some space be left open for new entities or temporary collaborative working groups, but that all space should be allocated through an open proposal process.
5. In that process, attention should focus on how those wishing placement within the building would make best use of the unique suite of resources and services located there, as well as on what adjacencies they would propose that would most enhance their own work and move it in new directions.
6. A final draft of the proposal will be prepared for discussion at the committee's next meeting.