Greetings from the Dean’s Office, such as it is with over 50 boxes of books and countless additional stacks of boxed materials, memorabilia and ‘administrivia’, set to be moved in the coming days.

Our renovation/replacement project is coming to a close...and as is seemingly the case with all major construction projects, we are down to the last minute and certainly the last dollar. We have begun ‘punch’ activities in some sections of the Seaton/Regnier complex even as other parts of the project are more than a month from completion. There have been a few setbacks, construction foibles and discoveries, but overall the project will be completed as designed and with only a few heartaches that I will keep to myself. Being a client has given me a whole new appreciation of the design and construction process!

I know everyone is as anxious as I am to move-in and get set up for the coming year...and years. As you are well-aware, faculty move in to/from parts of Seaton Central is dependent on the relocation of the College and Department Administration to new spaces in the completed project. Our goal is to begin this migration as soon as possible but much depends on the close out and inspection/occupancy process.
Here is the latest:
JE Dunn has targeted August 11th for the final Certificate of Occupancy and Life Safety Inspection, with hopes that we can begin full occupancy beginning on August 14th. While there is an effort to obtain earlier occupancy of areas within the project, particularly those spaces housing college and department administration, this appears unlikely given egress limitations through active construction zones. Any such occupancy will be a bonus should it happen, but we are not banking on it.

Upon completion of furniture installation and punch, we will move as many non-essential APDesign items (e.g. the aforementioned 50 boxes) as possible for faculty and staff, although occupancy by employees cannot occur until the Certificate of Occupancy has been received.

Given that spaces vacated by college and department administration are primarily to become faculty offices, relocating these operations is our top priority. As these spaces in Seaton Central are vacated, college crews will inspect spaces and add any issues (repairs, etc.) to a list of future work. The future work list (faculty requested modifications will be added to this list) will be prioritized and items addressed based on immediate needs and budget availability. Please be aware that the budget cuts over the last few years have eroded funds we had held, severely impacted our ability to make immediate modifications to these spaces. After the assessment of each space occurs, APDesign crews will work to move in faculty assigned to Seaton Central spaces.

Faculty offices in Seaton New will be populated in an order still to be determined beginning on August 15th as to give our college crews time to complete some moving activities while we are in meetings on August 14th.

I ask for everyone’s patience. We will effect the move as promptly as possible. Lisa Shubert, Don Crawford and Richard Thompson will organize the move schedule as efficiently as possible. Regardless of how compressed this sequence will be, we are in a much better place than when this project began two years ago!

Finally, please feel free to contact my office regarding questions...and rumors regarding the project. I have heard some doozies! Perhaps my favorite is that we ‘made a change and covered portions of the glass as a construction cost savings’...LMAO!

Best,
Tim

Architects’ Building Punch List Schedule
7/5/2017 - Seaton East Level 2 (Punch walk-through completed)
7/10/2017 - Mechanics Hall Level 2 (Punch walk-through completed)
7/17/2017 - Seaton East Level 1 & Mechanics Hall Level 1
7/24/2017 - Seaton East Basement & Seaton New Level 1
7/31/2017 - Seaton New Level 2
8/7/2017 - Mechanics Hall Auditorium and Seaton New Level 3
*additional walks to be scheduled

Furniture installation to occur following punch list activities.

Furniture Punch List Activities
7/19/2017 - Knoll in Mechanics Hall Level 2
7/25/2017 - Knoll in Mechanics Hall Level 1
7/25/2017 - Knoll in Seaton East Level 1
8/1/2017 - Knoll in Seaton New Level 1
8/4/2017 - Herman Miller Aeron & Saiba
8/9/2017 - Knoll in Seaton New Level 2
*additional walks to be scheduled

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New for you!

The following list is a sampling of new books recently received in Weigel Library. Titles on the July New Resources shelf are the final acquisitions for FY 17. Come in and take a closer look at these and others...
- Compact houses: 50 creative floor plans for well-designed small homes
- Research for designers: a guide to methods and practice
- Solid wood: case studies in mass timber architecture, technology and design
- Forensic architecture
- Modern concrete construction manual
- Nature and cities
- Passive house in different climates

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