

CFR Director Updates
Spring Updates - March 2015

Student Access and Family Resources – SAFR

Newly established combined CFR and HSRC fund. FY16 SAFR budget approved. For the first time CFR will be charging a summer fee. Will be working in the coming weeks with Clare to do an initial review of CFR and HSRC by-laws and create an initial draft of SAFR by-laws. Clare has accepted a position in New York and will be stepping down as Director of HSRC the end of April. An interim director may be put in place while position is put out to search for a new director. Will keep you posted. Working with AABC around further organizing our SAFR budget and program specific indexes. One of the streamlining measures being taken is moving our E&G “organization” over to the student side which means I’ll have the same E&G indexes but will be working with one business center, AABC, for all CFR and SAFR functions. Up until this point, our office has operated through two business centers.

CFR offices expansion

With the opening of the SEC, offices in lower Snell have emptied out and we’ll be “stretching out” a bit...Kristi and Erika will each have private offices which will be much welcomed, esp. during subsidy time. We’ll have a small private waiting area outside of those offices. Kristi and Erika’s old office will become an office for the SPAB chair/Terese. Civic and Community Engagement’s old office, 158, will become a children’s play space with the area just outside of that office set up as a student parent work area with three desk top computers and a printer. A survey went out to student parents seeking input about the playroom and the work area – we’ll be incorporating their feedback into the purchase and set-up for the spaces. Due to AABC’s move to the SEC we’ll be the recipients of some their goods: 5 really nice office chairs, three desk top computers with monitors and a printer. HSRC and HCI, who were slated to move into the Snell suites, will be staying in their current locations. New tenant in 149 is currently looking like it’ll be folks from the Dean of Student Life with a possible move in June.

Bring Your Kids to Campus Day

Our 4th annual event is on the calendar for Friday, April 10th – a non-school day for Philomath and Corvallis schools. Save the date postcards went out several weeks ago and we’re in the midst of finalizing the individual events, calendar and promotional materials. Something new on the calendar this year is a robotics demo.

Task Force on Children, Youth and Family

Task Force work continues, mostly at the subcommittee level. I’m active on four subcommittees: Quality Care; Family Provider Network; Funding Equity and Sustainability; Additional Center-based Care
Other subcommittees are: Affordable/Subsidized Care; Accessibility

We have an initial framework for the final document/report. Becky and Susie due to attend the May meeting. Still on timeline of an early June completion. Some next steps: meeting with Jerri Wolff with Family Connections re: a family provider network, working with OSU Capital and Space Planning, submitting a formal Project Request Report for a 3rd campus child care center

CUWFA 2015 Annual Conference

OSU's host committee: Robynn, Erika, Michelle Kutzler, Karen Logvin (Uof O) and I have been planning for this early May conference for months and months! And, we're nearly there. Go to: <http://www.cuwfa.org/annual-conference> to see what we've been up to. The conference graphics are courtesy of Erika☺

Child Care Center

- In the midst of drafting an updated Request for Proposal which will go out to bid hopefully no later than May. This initial work has been with Robynn and a super helpful new Contracts person, Josh. We are nearing completion of a much more flushed out/increased criteria RFP, addressing broad and specific issues of quality. A committee of five will be reviewing bids when they come in. The RFP is inclusive of both the Beaver Beginnings site and the Azalea House site.
- Have nearly completed a satisfaction survey that will go out to families enrolled at Beaver Beginnings. Plan to use parent feedback to further fine-tune RFP as well as inform review of provider bids
- The east playground expansion and renovation was completed last month with a final concrete pour adjacent to the east side of the building. The new playground is such an improvement over the previous, not only more spacious but now provides the ability for children to ride push toys into and around the playground, jump (or crawl!) from boulder to boulder, explore in a large sand pit surrounded by little logs to sit on, etc. Many expanded features -take a look when you have some free time and you're on that side of campus!
- New paint! We are in the midst of repainting all of the hallway walls, teacher break room, classroom doors, vestibules and most of the other interior doors as well. Also getting ready for updated signage for the interior of the building. Blinds are being ordered and installed in all the classrooms. Purchased blackout blinds for infant and young toddler classrooms to help with naptime. 2nd phase of paint project will include all of the classroom interiors.
- Newly installed front building mounted lighting
- Upcoming assessments/analysis:
 - > ADA assessment and upgrade plan
 - > Seismic analysis
 - > Life, safety and security analysis
 - > Energy audit
- Projects in the coming months:
 - Creating a two phase cabinetry replacement plan – most likely addressing children's height cabinetry first and addressing adult height post ADA assessment
- Repainting the front entry doors and vestibule
- The roofing project is now nearing a completed design phase and will then go out for construction bids. It's been a very long process since repair of damaged brick has been incorporated into the project. It's looking like close to a \$300K project which we hope is underway by late spring, early summer. SIFC Contingency Fund request for \$220K additional funds for roof project was approved this past January. We currently have approximately \$334K to put toward that project.

MU Lounge designated Family Friendly

Met with Michael and Sid and we're moving forward with designating the former IRC lounge in the MU as a family friendly lounge. The space is being converted back to a general study and meeting lounge with the addition of a children's space built into the southwest corner. The MU will build two low walls to create a nearly enclosed square footprint space. Outside of the walls will be paneled and stained to match the wood paneled lounge walls. Interior of the walls will have shelving for toys and materials. The initial outreach with Michael/the MU was probably back in early 2014 – exciting to see that it'll actually be happening. What a wonderful way to not only welcome and accommodate families with young children, but also raise the visibility of students with children, and all families on campus.

Student Community Center (SCC)

Construction bids have come in. After the opportunity to review the bids next week, we'll have a good idea about whether the afterschool program can be added back into the project. Still working toward a formal MOU with UHDS around the relationship and funding of Azalea and Avery. UHDS will retain the buildings with SAFR contributing a percentage of funds into their building reserves. UHDS will manage grounds, utilities and maintenance with SAFR being charged for those Services and Supplies

On a related note, I'm presenting at the SCUP (Society for College and University Planning) Pacific Regional Conference this next week with Patrick Robinson, UHDS; Lauren Loosveldt, Hennebery Eddy Architects (HEA) titled: Do the Right Thing – The Benefits May Surprise You. Summary:

Equal access to education for non-traditional students requires more than expanding campus hours and offering distance learning courses. Providing basic human needs of food, shelter, and care, Oregon State University (OSU) paired isolated departments to provide a greater impact than individually possible. Co-locating disparate organizations in underutilized buildings re-imagined to serve a joint mission, OSU's Student Community Center blurs the line between community and campus, proving that doing the right thing can provide universal benefits.

CFR Position Descriptions and Program Assistant

Our work in this area is nearly complete! The Director position has an updated and approved position description with an associated pay increase. The position still has yet to be accurately classified – the work with that continues. The newly created professional faculty position of Student Family Coordinator was approved. The position description is in place and through an approved Waiver of Search Kristi was appointed to that position with an associated pay increase. Our Program Assistant position was reclassified from an OS1 temporary to a .5 OS2 permanent position and Erika was formally hired into this position last month. This has been a long process - feels good to finally have our position descriptions accurately reflect the work we do and further set us up for capacity building. In the coming weeks we'll be transitioning the Program Assistant position to full-time.

Lactation Rooms

- Peavy Family Suite was completed last Fall. If you haven't checked it out take some time to do so or check it out on our website. There are three adjacent rooms: lactation room, kitchen and family work area.
- New temporary space in lower level of Bexell. When that building is renovated it will include a permanent lactation room.

- SEC is open and another lactation room, on the 2nd floor, is added to the system
- University Plaza – moving lactation room from a small conference room into a shower room that is being converted into a more permanent lactation space
- Snell – temporary lactation room in 149 will be available spring term through Fall 2015.
- Lactation parking permits – we'll be discussing as a staff "advertising" this support on our website or via our distribution lists – currently only one (out of 8) is checked out so word of mouth probably hasn't alerted folks to this new support.
- ILLC – in response to user requests, two new chairs installed as well as shelving
- Partnered with Disability Access Services to enable a student with Autism Spectrum Disorder to access lactation rooms. This partnering has led to a "handoff" of DAS folks to Lynne Schauble in Space Planning to begin working together to identify a couple of permanent DAS spaces on campus for this purpose.

International Students

Kristi in her new position will take the lead on partnering with INTO and IP in support of international students with children. INTO is now making the Families' Orientation Workshop mandatory – the first of the mandatory workshops will be offered the Friday of spring break. INTO anticipates a much higher turn out with this new approach. CFR is one of numerous participants in the workshops.

Data Base

The conversations continue!!! Have continued meeting with Daniel Newhart (Director, Assessment and Evaluation with the Division of Student Affairs) regarding SA's support of a CFR data base as well as other units in the Division. Baby steps is the operative phrase here, as well as patience. Perhaps, just maybe, by Fall we'll have something in place...

OSU Foundation

Several of us on the PCOSW Work-Life Balance subcommittee met in January with Lacie LaRue at the Foundation to discuss ways of increasing the Friend-Raisers endowment as well as generate additional dollars for student parent child care subsidies. The idea of crowdfunding was discussed, which we may pursue as an initial strategy.

Student Life Assistance Team

Continued work with SLAT around providing on-call support for "students of concern" situations. Meetings have been reduced to one time per month. Kristi, in her new position, will be assuming CFR participation in SLAT.

Eldercare Connections

ElderCare Connections continues to be offered on the third Thursday of each month. Robynn has devoted a lot of time and energy in reaching out to experts/speakers in the field which has enabled offering sessions covering topics such as: Legal Matters in Old Age, Effective Strategies for Communicating with Older Adults. In addition a six week session titled Powerful Tools for Caregivers was offered on campus through a partnership with our local Hospice.

