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Project Report:

Walk for Facilities

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Walk for Facilities

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Ruth Merrill Center – Wilson Commons

The Walk for Facilities is an analytical program that was started by the Students' Association in 2008. While each year the Walk may survey different aspects of River Campus, the focuses in Fall 2011 were outdoor areas, residential buildings, academic buildings, and other public indoor facilities. Representatives from University Facilities, River Campus Libraries, Residential Life, administration, and students comprised each of the six assessment groups, which provided the following feedback.

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Original numerical ratings, if given by the group, are on a scale from 1-5 (5 being most in need of improvement) and are denoted by (#) at the end of a line. Comments listed are problems that have been found, along with positive feedback, which is denoted by (+) at the end of the line.

Residential Areas

General

- Trees near buildings need to be trimmed (5).
- Area between Lovejoy and Hoeing is always flooded.
- Repaint banisters.
- Fix cracks in the sidewalk.

Crosby

- Wood panels below windows 2, 4, and 6 on the quad-side need to be repainted.
- Upgrade the partitions and fiberglass in the showers.
- Install shower pans.

Hoeing

- Many windows were open—consider adding or optimizing the heat sensors.
- General stonework.
- Remove extra cushions from the lounges.
- Upgrade upholstery.
- Some areas have unfinished molding.
- Repaint walls.
- Kitchen cabinet handles need to be redone.



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Gilbert

- Some banisters were very loose (5).
- Stairs for Long/West need to be redone (4).
- Long/West entrance mat needs to be replaced.
- Improved maintenance of showers.
- Rusted doorframes and missing tiles in the community lounge.
- Some cabinetries needs repair.
- Flood prevention and half wall on Faculty Rd. have fixed flooding problems (+).

Tiernan

- Sinkhole by the entrance needs to be fixed.
- Re-set the grating near the main entrance.
- Fix radiator covers in the community lounge.

Community Learning Center

- Trip hazard on fraternity road entrance.
- Some wall scones need replacing.
- Leaks in the ceiling.

Drama House

- Loose wooden banister in the stairwell (5).

Susan B. Anthony

- Hydrants outside Hollister wing are rusty (3).
- Hollister entrance has lots of debris and needs updating (3).
- Cracked concrete on SBA Dr. sidewalk (3).
- Stair tread issues on all peripheral stairways (2).
- Blue light needed on BLEP at entrance (1).
- Danforth and POD renovations are nice (+).

Bridge to Hill Court

- Walkway under bridge needs improvement (2).
- Need steps up the road toward Hill Court Lot (2).
- Put break in the guardrail for better crossing (2).
- Bushes need to be put back near the bridge.
- Need BLEP on the bridge.
- Secondary pathway under the bridge needs maintenance/pruning.

Hill Court

- Deep cracks in cement and pavement around Hill Court (2).
- Need more tables or a gazebo in Hill Court (2).



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- Brick is missing on NE corner of Fairchild.
- Blue lights near Chambers and Slater are out.
- Path next to Slater needs to be redone.
- Benches need repainting.
- Grill outside Fairchild needs cleaning.
- Need bike racks in Hill Court.
- Need stop or yield signs at north entrance of Intercampus Dr. Lot.

Academic Buildings

Rush Rhees Library

- Loose bands on stools in the stacks (4).
- Third floor ceiling is peeling (3).
- There is a lot of flooding between Morey, Rush Rhees, and Wilson Bridge (3).
- Stacks need recycling bins (2).
- Paint on windows facing the quad is peeling (2).
- Ceiling is in poor condition in Rush Rhees 304 (2).
- Doors have a lot of wear around the brass.
- Grout on stairs next to Eastman quad by Rush Rhees needs improvement.
- Ivy is overhanging on the ramp parallel to the stairs.
- More bike racks are needed outside Rush Rhees.

Gleason Library

- More recycling bins are needed (4).
- Lights are out over the stairwell.
- Upholstery is dirty.
- Floor outlets come loose.

Morey Hall

- Ceiling near 512 is cracked.
- Peeling by the exit near 506.
- Piping under sink and toilets in the 4th floor women's bathroom.
- Writing on the walls in the men's 4th floor bathrooms.
- Dim lighting on the 3rd floor.
- Crack in the door for 320.
- Needs better signage in the stairwells to show current floor.
- Ceiling needs to be cleaned in the tunnel between Morey and Lattimore.
- Nice improvements in the tunnel between Wilson and Morey (+).



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Dewey Hall

- Orange tiles in stairwell need updating.
- Rusting on ceiling above sinks in 1st floor women's bathroom.
- Writing in the men's bathroom in the tunnel from Dewey to Hoyt.

Gavett Hall

- Clock in 312 needs a new battery (4).
- Path between Gavett and Hopeman is dark (3).
- Card access is needed for the back entrance (2).
- Windows on the backside of floor 3 need to be replaced (2).

Carlson Library

- Light above computer CAR-980-29 is flickering (5).
- 2nd floor is dark at night (3).

Hutchinson/Hylan

- Clean windows on Hylan and Hutchinson (5).
- Wood doors between Hutchinson and Hylan are locked (5).
- Lander Auditorium has poor lighting (4).
- Spotlight position in Lander Auditorium could be improved (4).
- Green carpet lounge chairs needs to be improved (3).
- Floor 3 of Hylan (esp. near 306) has many lights out (3).

Other

- Harkness floors need to be cleaned.
- Bausch and Lomb hall is outdated and could use aesthetic improvements.
- Tunnel between Hoyt and B&L is very hot and needs floor improvements.
- Tunnel between B&L and Meliora is very hot.
- Meliora Plaza floods often (5).

Other Facilities

Spurrer Gymnasium

- Gym needs cleaning (3).
- Dance floor should be renovated (3).
- Storage for dance program (3).

Goergen Athletic Center

- More light is needed in the bridge area (3).
- Lots of weight equipment doesn't work often (e.g. leg press) (1).
- Water bottle filling stations are nice, automatic ones would be even nicer (+).



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Todd Union

- Bathroom tiles and urinals need improvements.
- No handicap access.
- Back stairwell needs cleaning.
- Basement needs fixing.
- Doorframes are rusted.
- Walls need repainting.

Wilson Commons

- TVs stay on during the night – need to be turned off (4).
- Balconies and bridges need to be repainted (2).
- Light between the Common Market and The Commons is flickering (2).
- Starbucks' couches need cleaning (2).

Graham Smith Plaza and Douglass Dining Center

- Plaza needs to be redone (5).
- Steps up from Graham Smith Plaza are cracked (4).
- Douglass conveyor belt leaks (3).
- Paint on the steps down from Douglass is peeling (3).
- Leak in the women's bathroom next to the bookstore (3).
- Loose carpet right before Douglass (outside of walkway) (2).

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