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Request Name: Journalism Faculty Office Space

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Division Submitting Request: Academic Affairs

Academic Affairs Journalism & Mass Communication

Nature of Request: Requesting a change to an existing space

Is this change expected to be temporary: No

Preferred Allocation Date: January 13, 2020

Request Funding

Has Funding for this Request Already Been Identified? N/A

Proposed Funding: No funding necessary.

Space Allocation Details

Change Existing Space

Building Location Gist Hall

Room Number(s) 122 suite

Current Use, Square Footage, & Capacity

Gist Hall 122 has two small offices with an outer office small common area. The offices are currently occupied by staff with ACAC, who will be moving back to the Library in spring semester. Each one of the offices has a desk.

Proposed Use, Square Footage, & Capacity

The Journalism and Mass Communication Department has been in great need for additional office space for our instructors, and those two offices in GH 122 suite would be a terrific space for two of our faculty. This particular office suite would be a perfect fit for our journalism faculty newspaper advisers Andrea Juarez and Dr. Deidre Pike, who would then be just downstairs from the student Lumberjack and El Lenador newsroom on the second floor in Gist Hall. The two offices in Gist 122 would allow the two faculty advisers to the newspapers to have closer access to the student press facility. The common area just outside of the two offices would be an appropriate small meeting space for these faculty with the news editors.

Request Importance - Needs Analysis:

The journalism department would certainly welcome the dedicated, appropriate office space for our two faculty who currently sit in areas that are not designated offices. One space is rather a kitchen hallway that Deidre is in now, and the other space is an area that Andrea uses in the back of Bret Harte House. Both faculty deserve proper offices to conduct themselves and to hold meeting with students.

Recent History:

Department Outcomes and Objectives Related to this Request:

The journalism department has struggled to find appropriate space for faculty in our small Bret Harte House, and Gist Hall is a nice, close approximation to our main faculty offices so that it would be easy for our two faculty to be in Gist, oversee student press and also to hop over to Bret Harte House for department meetings and other business as necessary. Also, Dr. Deidre Pike is working closely with Rosamel Benavides-Garb at the CAHSS on a special initiative toward increasing enrollment and retention, and this would put her in closer proximity to him to get their work done.

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Additional Relevant Information Not Previously Addressed: The CAHSS college dean supports this request.

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