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Request Name: Dance Program Student and Support Space that is contiguous to our Dance Studio GH 102

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Division Submitting Request: Academic Affairs

Academic Affairs Theatre, Film, & Dance

Nature of Request: Requesting a change to an existing space

Is this change expected to be temporary: No

Preferred Allocation Date: August 24, 2020

Request Funding

Has Funding for this Request Already Been Identified? No

Proposed Funding:

GH 104 and GH 104A - Contiguous Space to Dance Studio, Essential for Dance Program and Students.

The department has modest funding available for cubicles and other furniture needs.

Space Allocation Details

Change Existing Space

Building Location Gist Hall

Room Number(s) GH 104, 104A

Current Use, Square Footage, & Capacity

Nothing is currently in this space that we are aware of. The last use of this space was for KHSU. We walked through this space with previous KHSU Manager Peter Fretwell and most of the space was vacated.

Proposed Use, Square Footage, & Capacity

We look forward to working with Facilities to plan the use of GH 104 and 104A to meet our needs. We do not have key privileges to this space.

Student Success: The Dance Studies program uses GH 102 Dance Studio for many of their classes and as a rehearsal space, 7 days a week; however, we lack space for (1) students to change clothes for dance classes; (2) store personal belongings while in class; (3) students and faculty to warm up before class; and (4) to store educational supplies including ballet barres; rolling bulletin board for display of educational materials; props for classes, rehearsals and performances; and folding tables and chairs used for some lecture classes or classes with lecture components.

Most of GH 104 would remain an open space. We will use temporary dividers to create dressing spaces with some privacy to allow us to modify dressing spaces as needed. We will use cubicles to store student and faculty belongings and provide a rack for wet coats and a stand for umbrellas. The closet will be used for storing educational equipment that will fit in the closet.

Request Importance - Needs Analysis:

Students who participate in dance classes, and in the Dance Studies Major and Minor come from all colleges at HSU. In the fall we have a Choreography Showcase and in the spring a major Dance Concert. Students performing in these concerts practice all semester long 7 days a week, most often using our dance studio GH 102, or our alternate space that allows for shoes, GH 002 (tap dance, Mexican Folklórico and some other forms require shoes).

We are happy to provide data to demonstrate the need for GH 104/104A. The last request submitted for this request was in 2017; therefore, this data would need updating.

1. Students, and faculty, need a dressing area to change into dance appropriate clothing for class and rehearsals. Students currently use the two stalls in the nearby bathroom. There's a long line in the hallway as people wait their turn. These bathroom stalls are cramped and dirty, and cannot adequately facilitate the needs of 20+ students in dance classes. Providing room dividers in GH 104 can help facilitate multi-users changing clothes before and after each class. Majority of the students in dance classes are women.

2. Classroom instruction requires educational supplies and equipment that we need to be able to store outside of the dance studio. Many of these items do not fit within the closet in GH 102. These include: ballet barres; rolling bulletin board for display of educational materials; props for classes, rehearsals and performances; and folding tables and chairs used for some lecture classes or classes with lecture components.

3. If we can keep the dance studio (102) space free of clutter, rain soaked belongs and equipment that is not necessary for each class, we would greatly improve the safety of the dance studio and the usable floor space. Toes, feet, legs, arms, heads, etc can easily be injured by collisions with equipment, falling equipment, and slippage due to water on the floor. GH 104 is ideal for storing personal belongs during class and rehearsal so that all the studio space can be dedicated for class use. Our dance studio could be free of the backpacks, wet shoes, coats and dripping umbrellas that often clutter the edges, reduce danceable space and create safety hazards.

4. Dancers, students and instructors, would benefit greatly from having a space to warm up prior to classes and rehearsals. GH 104 offers space for this important activity.

5. Currently Mexican Folklóric costumes are stored in the lower level of GH where we continue to have problems with ceiling leaks, flooding and humidity control. We need a more appropriate storage space for costumes for our annual Dance Concert, our dances adjudicating at regional conferences, Mexican Folklórico costumes for classes and the Folkloric performing ensemble, final class projects, and for numerous other performances our dancers participate in on and off campus

Recent History:

Department Outcomes and Objectives Related to this Request:
Program Student Learning Outcomes (PLO) are integrated into all of our dance classes. These outcomes are fully aligned with this space request.

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Additional Relevant Information Not Previously Addressed:

Routed for Review

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