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Request Name: Journalism Photo Studio

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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: March 1, 2020

Request Funding

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

Proposed Funding: No funding needed.

Space Allocation Details

Change Existing Space

Building Location Gist Hall

Room Number(s) 120

Current Use, Square Footage, & Capacity

Gist Hall room 120 is currently used as a storage closet for a free clothing swap. The room is approximately 10' x 7' and has no windows.

Proposed Use, Square Footage, & Capacity

Because there are no windows (meaning no leaking light), Gist Hall 120 would work perfectly as a photo studio. The Journalism program's current photo studio and photo equipment is housed in a corner of Gist room 109B, which is a low-ceiling space that is shared with KRFH radio. There is a piano, large speakers, and a lot of sound equipment in the room, which makes it tough to set up our photo equipment. Having the appropriate space for a photography lab would allow us to keep all the photo equipment set up so that it is easy for students to go in and take photos, rather than having to move piano, speakers, etc. to set up a photo shoot. Students are not that motivated when it takes so much work to set up a space for shooting photos as it stands now. In addition, the advantage of having the photo studio in Gist Hall 120 is that a room that size without a window is hard to find. It makes for a great space for such a use. The space is also appropriate for use as a small studio for our video production classes because the room would allow for the space and the appropriate lighting because the ceiling is a touch higher than where our photo studio is now. And by no means does it have to be exclusively ours. We would welcome Art and any other department student use, although, we'd have to figure out who would pay for broken equipment like bulbs or other items.

Request Importance - Needs Analysis:

Photo journalism and video production are a critical part of the Journalism and Mass Communication major. Students in our photo and video classes are also producing content for classes in the public relations emphasis of our major, which requires students to shoot promotional materials, products and other assignments related to their curriculum. We have not had the appropriate space for these assignments and this space request opens a huge opportunity for students to accomplish their assignments at this level, also increasing the value of their professional portfolios by having a proper photo studio. Again, it is very difficult to find a space on campus large enough for a photo studio that has no window for leaking light.

Recent History:

Department Outcomes and Objectives Related to this Request:

The photo studio would meet the outcomes for our Photo Journalism, Video Production, Digital Design, Public Relations and other courses in the journalism major. All of our journalism students would be positively impacted by having a dedicated space like this for use in their productions as the current location is ill-fit to accomplish these course outcomes.

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Additional Relevant Information Not Previously Addressed:
The dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences approves of this request.

Routed for Review

College of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences Lisa Bond-Maupin - Dean