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Space Action Team Charter

Mission: This ad hoc team will collect and organize data concerning current and future space use and needs, seek opportunities for temporary use of high quality lab space outside of Chemistry, and identify and recommend solutions to needs of current faculty and faculty whom we may hire.

Members: Jeff Nielsen (Building Manager), Pat Egan (Dept. Manager) , Tehshik Yoon (Assoc. Chair Grad Program), Danny Fredrickson (Assoc. Chair Research Program), JR Schmidt (Assoc. Chair Undergrad Program), Gil Nathanson (PChem Rep), Ashley Petersen (Admin Support)

Governance: The Space Action Team reports recommendations to the Department Chair. As needed, the Dept. Chair & Assoc. Chair of Research will bring recommendations to the Leadership Council. The Leadership Council can choose to formulate proposals for vote by the Executive Committee.

Tasks: The main tasks are summarized below. These are not exclusive and may be adjusted by the Department Chair.

1. Collect and organize data concerning current and future space use and needs.
 - a. Organize and update current research space database
 - b. Collect information on existing space promises
 - c. Design and conduct surveys of Chemistry researcher needs (immediate and five-years out), flexibility on space location (including outside Chemistry), special services, needs projected by the Faculty Recruiting Committee
2. Work with the Asst. Vice Chancellor for EH&S (TBD) to resolve limitations on maximum allowable quantities of flammable materials in different spaces
3. Recommend future space remodeling and/or expansions
4. Renovation of sub-basement space for Frank Gao. This project will take a long time. We need to be sure that the department is doing everything possible to maintain progress.
5. Space for Frank Gao to begin his work when he arrives in the fall of 2026 (or even earlier, if possible).
6. Final "landing site" for Julian Cooper's group.
7. Development of contingency plans in case the 4th floor of the North Tower is not ready by the end of 2025.
8. Solidifying plans for the space on Shain 8.
9. Emeritus transitions

