



LOUNGE

It was difficult determining the right balance between comfortable “soft” furniture and furniture that’s more conducive for studying. Donna Gissen had a really great idea to initially order only two soft chairs with an end table (left foreground above) and a round table with four chairs. After the building opens in August, we will conduct a 6 week-or-so trial run to determine which is used more and whether or not these rooms (which will be high traffic) are really even conducive for studying. **Basically, we get a say in what additional furniture is added (or not added) to this space based on how the first few weeks of the next school year go.**

Also, the red accent wall in the back of the drawing will be featured across the second floor for MS1s. Our hallway will have a light green accent color, similar to the color in the renovated portion of Kornhauser library.



HALLWAY

There is not much to say here. Again, the red accent walls will be green on our floor. The entrance to each lounge has wood paneling (right), with the crests of the two advisory colleges who use each respective lab displayed. The flooring is not carpet, just a softer floor that doesn't create much noise when you walk.

Lockers (not shown) will have a vinyl-wood cover. Instead of the tall lockers we have now, they will be shorter and wider. There is potential (this was discussed awhile ago...not sure what has changed) for those lockers to have mail slots to replace the mail slots at the end of the hall, across from the current lecture hall. That way, graded assignments from ICM and other information is more easily accessible.



MS1 LECTURE HALL

This is the new lecture hall for the second floor. It was be mostly used by MS1s but I'm sure we'll be in there every once in awhile. There are six rows of seats on three tiers, so 2 rows per tier. This set up allows for group interaction during lecture if the professor desires (the first row per tier just turns around to face the other row on their tier. Fortunately, the fancy rolling chairs will make this pretty easy!).

A quick note about the MS2 lecture hall: we will have a flat-floored room with two-person tables arranged in a triangle formation. Separate monitors to see the PowerPoint and any desired student content will be available for each table. Professors will be able (and encouraged) to wander the lecture hall as they speak. There will be projection screens on all four walls in addition to the screens at each table, so students not directly facing the front will still have access to content from multiple angles.



UNIT LAB

This was definitely the room of hottest contention but I think you all will be really pleased with the final decision. Each current unit lab has seats for 28 students and each of the renovated unit labs seats 14. Do the math: exactly two labs per advisory college. The layout is shown above. A door off the central lounge space (page 1) brings you in, where white boards, the glass walls themselves, and two TV monitors will help you study in whatever way you find necessary.

Students in each room will have a desk mate. 6 of the 8 desks (excluding the desks at the ends) are 5' across and these desks will be occupied by 12 students. One of the longer desks on the end will be shared by the other two students. The other long desk will be used by the instructor when applicable but this can obviously be used by students during off-hours.

The preliminary idea for seating arrangements for our class is to let us pick our desk mates (we need a trendy name...) and then place our MS1 mentees in the same seat on the floor above. Talk to Tony if you have some other ideas!



UNIT LAB (CONTINUED)

The desks are furnished with two lockable, heavy metal drawers, one for each student (shown left). Individual keys will be distributed for each. These drawers are approximately 19" across and 16" deep and, I repeat, lockable.

The tables are on gliders and can be rearranged in any preferred configuration within the unit labs to facilitate better studying when not in use for small group activities.