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Action Items

- Schedule community engagement session

Meeting Minutes

- MSU Survey and Work Session Analysis Update
 - Have consolidated data to share
 - Met with CORES/COPS groups
 - Will present data to BOT and administration to gain clarity on alignment across the university
 - Preliminary programming once administration weighs in
 - HAA highlighted some focus group discussions
 - 73% of participants selected central location for ideal MC Center location
 - Inventory other spaces that have the ability to function in the capacity that students are currently asking for
 - There were a lot of perceptions and suggestions that need to be addressed at the administration level
 - Summary notes organized by program must-haves, program wants, wanted activities, wanted activities, campus wants, and feelings

SUMMARY NOTES

What do you think is the primary goal of this project?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some students experience MSJ as diverse but others struggle - building should take a stance on showing that diversity is a valuable thing to be accepted. Supports and celebrates various cultures that come together. Small performing arts space to share and learn music, dance, etc from each others' cultures. Accessibility is important and include accessible gender-neutral bathrooms. Inclusive to all ideas and viewpoints. Address the needs of students of color to improve retention, recruitment and graduation rates. The building should be stunning but be built from materials that are sustainable/eco-friendly with lots of green spaces, solar panels and sustainable energy. Architecture that attracts attention and makes people curious. Building a center at MSJ that celebrates the cultural diversity on campus East Lansing. Giving minority groups spaces to meet and hold events. To provide space that is welcoming and open to all faculty, staff, students, and to celebrate cultures at large. 1) student org offices, 2) meeting rooms, computer lab, 3) space for different types of events, and a multitude of services. For students to finally have a space on campus where they don't have to go through a long reservation process. Conferences rooms and meeting spaces that are accessible (schedules and cost). A place to celebrate other cultures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A multi-cultural center should be a space away from home. Provide no less than 100,000 sq ft of space where there's cultural events, social interaction, meetings, and collaboration. Be a visible depiction of a MCC at MSJ. Actively working on doing better. Outdoor public space. Discussions involve to view displays from the outside of the building. A space for collaboration, for performance, a kitchen for learning/creating, a safe space. Having a space that has a performance area, community room, multimedia center, meeting rooms, a gallery, kitchen. A facility that addresses our differences and provides a welcoming and empowering environment for all people so get the most out of their own MSU experience/role and to engage with others from other backgrounds/experiences/cultures. Have spaces for people to learn about traditional culture/history and have spaces for people from these cultures to better understand their own culture and history. From "hard grant to world grant". Access to food. Community. Partners for DEI and centrally located. Resources for events. Have an aggressive outreach program. Provide ongoing space and assembly space for groups to convene to get new ideas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Center reflecting with diversity of MSJ as well as great interactions among diverse capabilities, something experience those interactions bring. One group of speakers. Help bring other people into that diverse community. Accessible space so that students can come to learn, Eg. SEM - health about issues so all students can come through and learn, see how we are more forward, showing Learning / East Lansing / MSJ community, incorporate around region. Space for discussions, share stories. Substance (share and learn about other backgrounds/experiences/cultures). Communication (social gathering/engagement). A safe space where students can know how to deal with uncomfortable situations, with staff and faculty resources. Bring the events to the public. Give students the opportunity to become global citizens. Use state and local level in other cultures, and be able to pursue careers internationally. Make as all international citizens. Support larger groups and small people to engage in conversations, and to see different perspectives and learn from each other. Breaking barriers: everyone included. Mandatory classes held in the center. Two purposes - 1) engage with different cultures and perspectives, 2) directed source to the advanced programmatic goals of groups such as cores and cops. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reiterate the goals of the campus. Clear, available and local parking ideally in the center of campus. An opportunity to renew and rebrand the university. Bridge and connect to other buildings/spaces on campus symbolic of the bridges made through the programming. The building should be close to the academic center of campus to connect resources. The location of the building should be readily accessible to anyone. It needs to be centrally located. Be a hub on campus. Maintain existing locations within student residences/halls. The MCC should address the gaps. Should not take away from what is happening in the residential halls and other places on campus, but connect to them as being awareness. Students athletes, students in general - place to expand potential interests, get involved in future educational opportunities, job opportunities, to find direction for their passion and find something other than their education to sport or music. Build on passion outside of academic setting. Mentorship. Reiterate the need for an accessible service. Needs to be "natural" to get to as part of everyday student life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students need space where they feel safe and welcome, can celebrate their culture without fear of intimidation / harassment, celebrate diversity, find support in navigating generally unfriendly or complex system on pathway to graduation. Place where students can be sociopolitically themselves. Inclusive community. Space where creative arts and other students can rehearse, feel comfortable, feel free. Where an international student can feel welcomed, get oriented. "My building" - orienting location to prevent sense of being lost, isolation. Reflect strength in diversity. Speaker feels peers see MSJ as predominantly white. But that's not been their experience because of the groups they've been involved in. Place you can feel you belong, truly. Place to create memories. Safe and welcoming space. To provide a place of belonging for students from different cultural backgrounds. A center that includes everyone without barriers because of ethnicity etc. For too many years there has been times where we did not feel welcomed with programs. Bring outside community in Lansing. Bring them in, share their experiences - help you know you're not alone.
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PROGRAM MUST HAVES	PROGRAM WANTS	WANTED ACTIVITIES	CAMPUS WANTS	FEELINGS
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- Full report of focus group analysis will be posted in Teams channel
- Student input

- a. Students had positive feedback for focus groups
- b. Student attendance and input has been low since the start of the semester – will keep working to engage students as much as possible