

NORTHSIDE HALL TASK FORCE

SENATE REPORT: OCTOBER 25TH, 2019

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NORTHSIDE HALL TASK FORCE: CHARGE

- The taskforce shall **gather information** from facilities management and **make recommendations on classrooms in Northside Hall that could be relocated** to other buildings to help relieve the stress on the teaching/learning environment in Northside Hall. It shall also **provide a roadmap for updating/enhancing classrooms and learning spaces in Northside**. This would include analyzing classroom usage data (provided by registrar), technology (provided by UITS), and general space improvements (furniture, flooring, ceilings, carpeting, painting, etc.) provided by facilities management and other sources. The taskforce shall present their **first set of recommendations** to the Chancellor and Senate Executive Committee by **April 30, 2019** and **complete their work by the end of Fall 2019**.
- Northside Hall Taskforce Charges and Membership (approved by Senate Executive Committee and Interim Chancellor 12/2018)

GATHER INFORMATION!

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- Little or no “information.”
- Strategy:
 - Spring 2019:
 - Phase 1: 29 General-Inventory NS classrooms; building climate
 - Fall 2019:
 - Phase 2: Unit/Dept. teaching/performance/research spaces.
 - Phase 3: Faculty/Staff spaces: offices, conference rooms, etc.
 - Phase 4: Restrooms, lobbies, etc.

SPRING '19 PHASE I:

GENERAL-INVENTORY CLASSROOMS/BUILDING CLIMATE

- General-Inventory designation based on a 60% open schedule to all campus departments and 100% scheduled at all times by the Registrar's Office.
- **Qualtrics survey:** Of 103 of 244 who clicked on the survey responded for a response rate of 42.2%. **Nearly half of respondents identified as “Student.”**
- Northside Hall Task Force members did a **walking tour** of 15 of the 29 G-I classrooms.

SPRING '19 PHASE I: QUALTRICS SURVEY: KEY RESULTS

Students	5.2
Instructors	3.5
Staff	3.0
All Respondents	4.3

SPRING '19 PHASE I: QUALTRICS SURVEY: KEY RESULTS

	Ceiling	Wall	Too Hot	Too Cold	Noise	Student Furniture
Total complaints	163	123	203	153	105	157
Average complaints per room	5.6	4.2	7.0	5.3	3.6	5.4
Average complaints per respondent	1.6	1.2	2.0	1.5	1.0	1.5

SPRING '19 PHASE I: QUALTRICS SURVEY: **STUDENT COMMENTS**

- "Northside is the worst building to be in on campus. I actually try to avoid taking any class that would meet in northside. The temperature is freezing one day and as hot as the sun the next day. ... In my honest opinion, **IUSB would probably attract and retain more students** if it tore northside down and rebuilt this structure. **It is embarrassing for the campus that we have this awful of a building.** "

SPRING '19 PHASE I: QUALTRICS SURVEY: STUDENT COMMENTS

- "This entire hall needs a renovation. The best description that I could give of how it smells is ""like battery acid and asbestos."" One of the most annoying things about Northside is how **the building has more climate zones than our own planet**. Seriously, in one hallway alone it was extremely hot on one end, then when I got to the other it was freezing cold. **The classrooms don't feel inviting**, they feel like solitary confinement rooms. **I'm sure the rooms looked the same when my older family members went to school here.**"

SPRING '19 PHASE I: TASK FORCE REPORT

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Northside Hall: Tipping point or turning point for IU South Bend?

Initial report and recommendations by the
Northside Hall Task Force
May 10, 2019

Persistent problems and recent crises raise questions about the viability of the teaching/learning environment within Northside (NS) Hall. The NS Hall Task Force is charged with gathering information and making recommendations for improving Northside classrooms and learning spaces. This is the initial report with recommendations.

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SPRING '19 PHASE I:

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Recommendation 1:** *Use this document and its supporting data to be the starting point for information pertaining to Northside Hall.*
- **Recommendation 2:** *Use Table 3 from the preceding “Results” section as an aid to prioritizing general inventory classrooms for needed work.*
- **Recommendation 3:** *Use Appendices D, E, F, G as a guide to understanding the specific problems and work needed for the various general inventory classrooms.*

SPRING '19 PHASE I: TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Recommendation 4:** *Get temperature and humidity under control in Northside. Fix water leaks.*
- **Recommendation 5:** *Prioritize large Northside lecture halls for renovation/modernization now, in the event that money becomes available. In the meantime, invite the Mosaic team from IUB for a classroom development day for Northside lecture halls at IUSB.*

SPRING '19 PHASE I:

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Recommendation 6:** *As areas come under reasonable temperature/humidity control, with minimal/no water leaks, replace stained/missing/damaged ceiling tiles and old lighting fixtures, paint the walls, and fix the floor tiles in the classrooms within those areas. **Replace outdated and broken student furniture!***
- **Recommendation 7:** *Pending verification by the Registrar's office of sufficient classroom capacity elsewhere on campus, take the following Northside general inventory classrooms out of service: NS 0036, NS 0037, NS 0039, NS 0041, and NS 0044.*

FALL '19 PHASES 2-4:

- Administration has responded to Task Force recommendations. It is a start...
- Chancellor Elrod wants a prioritized list of what is needed in Northside.
- Consolidation of Phases 2-4. Final report due by end of 2019.

FALL '19 PHASES 2-4: COMMUNICATION ISSUES!

