Design Competition:

Convert Taubman College Faculty Resource Room to Reading Room/Lending library

Sponsors: Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning and Class of 2010

Guideline Date: February 19, 2010

Project objective:
The objective of this student design competition is to provide a hands-on experience on a design/build project. Only students in the graduating class of 2010 from Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning are eligible to participate in this competition. The guiding principles for this project include: functionality, maintenance, sustainability and cost.

Process:
The competition will be held in two stages. (See timeline below) Stage one - 11X 17 document, which will be displayed in the A&A Building. Votes for the stage one proposals will be collected in the Dean’s Office. From that group the Class Gift 2010 Committee will narrow the field to four to six entries. These entrants will be invited to further develop their proposals and submit one 24X36 document plus budget and timelines for review by a committee of faculty and administrators.

Program:
Teams of students or individual students from Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning will compete to design a Reading Room within room 3102 (currently known as the Faculty Resource Room) in the Art & Architecture Building. The design/build project may not extend beyond the footprint of the current room and should take into account all permanent ‘infrastructure” features. The Class of 2010 is supporting the design and build of a magazine rack within the reading room.

The reading room must accommodate these functions: Providing shelving for all Taubman College course materials, reference materials, book/printed material storage and access; small group (5-7 persons) meeting space; quiet reading and contemplation space; internet access; a magazine rack for journals; and accommodating librarian consulting space. Optional: photography stand

Each entry may take the form of a drawing, and/or a digital model, a brief essay describing the concept and features of the proposed room. Phase two submissions must also include the build-out budget and build timeline.

Stipulations
Code Compliance – The design must meet all applicable building codes for public schools in the State of Michigan (e.g. handicap accessibility).
Budget:
Project proposals should include detailed budgets for materials, inspections, stipends, and any related project needs.

Timing:

- Program Announcement date: March 1, 2010
- Submission date Round #1: March 15, 2010
- Submission date Round #2: April 12, 2010
- Jury Review dates: April 12-April 16, 2010
- Winning announcement: At Commencement
- Build begin: May, 2010
- Build complete: August 1, 2010

Submission Format:

First round: Materials should be submitted electronically to Janice Harvey (jrharvey@umich.edu) in the Taubman College Dean’s Office, and contain no more than one page, 11X17, in pdf format plus the contest entry form. Materials may include drawings, photos, and descriptions. Submitted proposals become the property of the University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture & Urban Planning.

Anonymity and Design Credit

In order to facilitate fair jurying of the competition, all documents for both stage one and stage two must be submitted without any markings that will identify team members. Failure to comply with this rule will lead to disqualification.

Review Committee:

Each member of our panel of judges will score each entry on the following criteria:

- Functionality: Does the design meet the functional needs of the Taubman Community?
- Sustainability: Were the materials and methods proposed in keeping with sustainable design practices?
- Maintenance: Will the College be able to maintain the design easily?
- Cost: Is the cost/budget well considered and reasonable given current economic conditions?

Marketing:

The College will support the design competition and the dissemination of information about the winner. The plan will include some or all of the following components:

- Posters advertising the competition, to be posted within the A&A Building
- An announcement for the competition, to be posted on the college website.
- In-class announcements of the competition by Architecture and Planning Program faculty instructors.
In any exhibition, publication, or website, Taubman College, will make every effort to properly credit the appropriate competitors. Contest registration forms and complete rules will be available in the Architecture Department office.

**Award:**
One entry will be selected as the winning design. The winning design team will receive authorization to begin the build process within the context of the UM building guidelines. Funding for expenses associated with the build portion of the project will be managed through the College’s administrative offices. All applicable spending rules for UM activities will apply to this award. No funds will be distributed until the winning design team agrees to the terms and conditions for funding and building within the UM and Taubman College environment. The winning project team will have access to Taubman College fabrication equipment and may seek the support of fabrication support staff during the build process. Any funds expended will solely be in support of the winning design team’s efforts toward building and installing the winning design.

In accepting the award, the entrant agrees to the commitments and obligations of the Finalists. Entrants selected as Finalists will be required to enter into a contract with Taubman College to further develop and implement their design and to sign a release in order to receive access to project funding. Taubman College reserves the right to implement the winning design concept with or without the involvement of the entrants, but will make all reasonable efforts to include the entrants in the implementation of the design.

Taubman College will make every reasonable effort to contact the winning entrant(s) and notify the entrant(s) of the award. In the event the winner chooses not to accept the funding award, cannot be contacted for any reason, or fails to respond to repeated notification attempts and/or emails within 14 days, the funding will be forfeited. In such an event, Taubman College may, but is not obligated to, award the prize monies to another entry in its sole discretion.

No substitution or transfer award will be allowed. Taubman College reserves the right not to select an award winner in the event competition administrators receive an insufficient number of eligible entries that meet the minimum criteria as set forth as part of the competition guidelines.

**Commitments and Obligations**
The goal of the Design Competition is to simultaneously provide students with competition experience and the college with a reading room that will meet the needs of all Taubman College community members. In order to implement the winning designs, we rely on the commitment and support of the entrants. Design team members selected as finalists must be willing to commit time and energy in partnership with Taubman College to develop--and ultimately build, their design.

We recognize that this may take you away from other work. To support designers on-going involvement, if your design is selected for implementation you will be awarded a grant, which is intended to cover expenses incurred in connection with the project. You will have the support of Taubman College staff in purchasing necessary materials, working with UM authorities on code compliance issues, and where needed working with other UM trades and technicians. In
exchange, you will gain the experience of realizing your design. There is no more meaningful work.

Entrants must be willing to agree to the commitments and obligations described below in order to receive award funding and to be acknowledged as a finalist of the design competition.

- to refine the design to meet the needs of the Taubman College community, and make themselves available for meetings as required by the terms of the grant;
- to partner with UM Architecture, Engineering and Contracting, if necessary;
- to ensure the use of local materials and local labor whenever practicable;
- to follow all UM codes and regulations
- to promote sustainable and environmental practices.

Disputes
The jury has the sole authority and responsibility to recommend the winning team at the end of the competition. Taubman College reserves the right to make a final decision regarding the winning design and any funding that may be made available for the development or implementation of designs entered into the competition. The competition administrators’ decisions in connection with all matters concerning the competition shall be final and binding.

Announcements:
- The winner will be announced and presented with a certificate at graduation
- News of the award will be posted on the college website and in UM publications.
- The winning project will be built and installed during the spring and summer terms 2010, with an anticipated opening for the project on August 1, 2010

Note: Project participants will be held accountable for achieving the goals of their project within the awarded budget. If participants encounter situations which foretell possible cost overruns, they must bring that information to the attention of the Dean or budget administrator immediately for approval or alteration of budget subsidies.
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Entry Form

Project Participants/Program/Year:

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Total Project Budget:

By submitting this project for review we agree to abide by the terms of the competition as described in the competition guidelines dated February 19, 2010.

Signed:

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