Date: February 9, 2016
To: Provost Tom Boyd
From: Christopher Thiry & Library staff
Re: Comments regarding the Renovation of Mines Library

The following information was communicated to the Faculty Senate in November 2015, and has been updated to February 2016.

**Mission Statement:** The Arthur Lakes Library develops innovative services and facilities, provides access to and preserves knowledge, and enhances the learning, teaching, and research at the Colorado School of Mines.

The Library Faculty are appreciative of the work of the Library Renovation Review Committee. The student-centered library that was described in the report certainly matches the thoughts of the Library Faculty. We have some additional comments that we would like to share with the Faculty Senate.

“Academic Meeting Place for the Mines Community” has been our description of the Library for years

- We are moving from collection-centric to user-centric programming and services
- We want space to act as a creative catalyst -- allows for Mines scholarly, scientific, and engineering culture

BUT

In our current space we are working with 60 year old architecture (outdated and inflexible)

**The campus needs a library renovation that allows for space that is versatile, flexible, and adaptive**

**OR**

**An addition or new building that is versatile, flexible, and adaptive**

Mines should focus on a library space that:

- Continues to take advantage of partnerships that result in strategically aligned programming and services to enhance the student experience (CASA, AMS, etc.) and that facilitates new partnerships (e.g., the Writing Center)
- Allows for creative and innovative uses
- Has a mix of seating (quiet and group space, study rooms) + room for growth
- Has flexible multi-use public space
- Includes instruction and event space
- Expands space for the computer labs and emerging technologies
- Includes collaboration/shared space between public and staff areas where feasible
- Continues to provide a safe and secure environment for all Mines students
- Has an aesthetic that continues to welcome the Mines community of scholars
- Takes advantage of natural light
228,513 Visits  (FY 2015)
That's over 30 times Mines' 2015 enrollment.

1,352 = Average daily visits for
Nov 2015

~24,000 items circulated (FY 2015)

Study Rooms
424 room reservations
1,405 hours of use (2014)
50 hours per day for all
Study Rooms during Fall
2015 semester to date

3,152
students attended
information literacy
sessions at the Library
(FY 2015)

2,456 reference questions answered for Mines users (FY 2015)

- Access to over 113,000 e-journals, 130,000
  e-books
- Over 207,000 books, 480,000 government
  publications, 165,000 maps, and 250,000
  journal issues
- Almost 600,000 full-text downloads via the
  Library’s catalog (2014)
- 90% of the collections budget is spent on
electronic resources
- $1.6 million collections budget
- Participation in the Colorado Alliance of
  Research Libraries (CU, CSU, U Wy, etc.)
  provides access to materials we could not
  afford on our own

9,430 uses of
Library WiFi
(Jan-Sep 2015)

~200 students seated regularly during peak
hours (Fall 2015)

Over 300 students seated here at one time
during Finals (Fall 2015)