

BISSETT COLLABORATIVE CENTER

Existing Conditions

USERS

- Groups (2-6)
- Individuals

FUNCTIONS

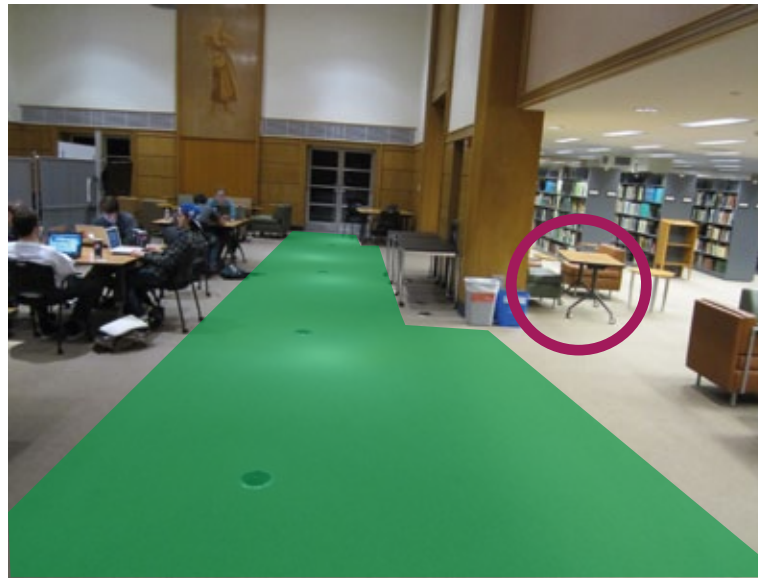
- Computer research
- Discussion
- Presentation/Screen share
- Reading
- “Unofficial” group room
when private rooms are not
available.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: VULNERABLE SPACE



- + Lack of privacy- physical, visual and acoustic
- + Space not clearly defined or “zoned”
- + Circulation paths through or in close proximity

Under utilized: essentially wasted space



EXISTING CONDITIONS: DEFENSIBLE SPACE



Partitions create defensible space, help define “zones”

Creating informal rooms increases desirability

Single walls work well, Corner is ideal



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Goals

USABILITY

CUSTOMIZABLE SPACE

GROUP PRIVACY

SENSE OF OWNERSHIP

AWARENESS

USABILITY

Different types of work areas



Lounge/casual conversation

Group tables on wheels



USABILITY



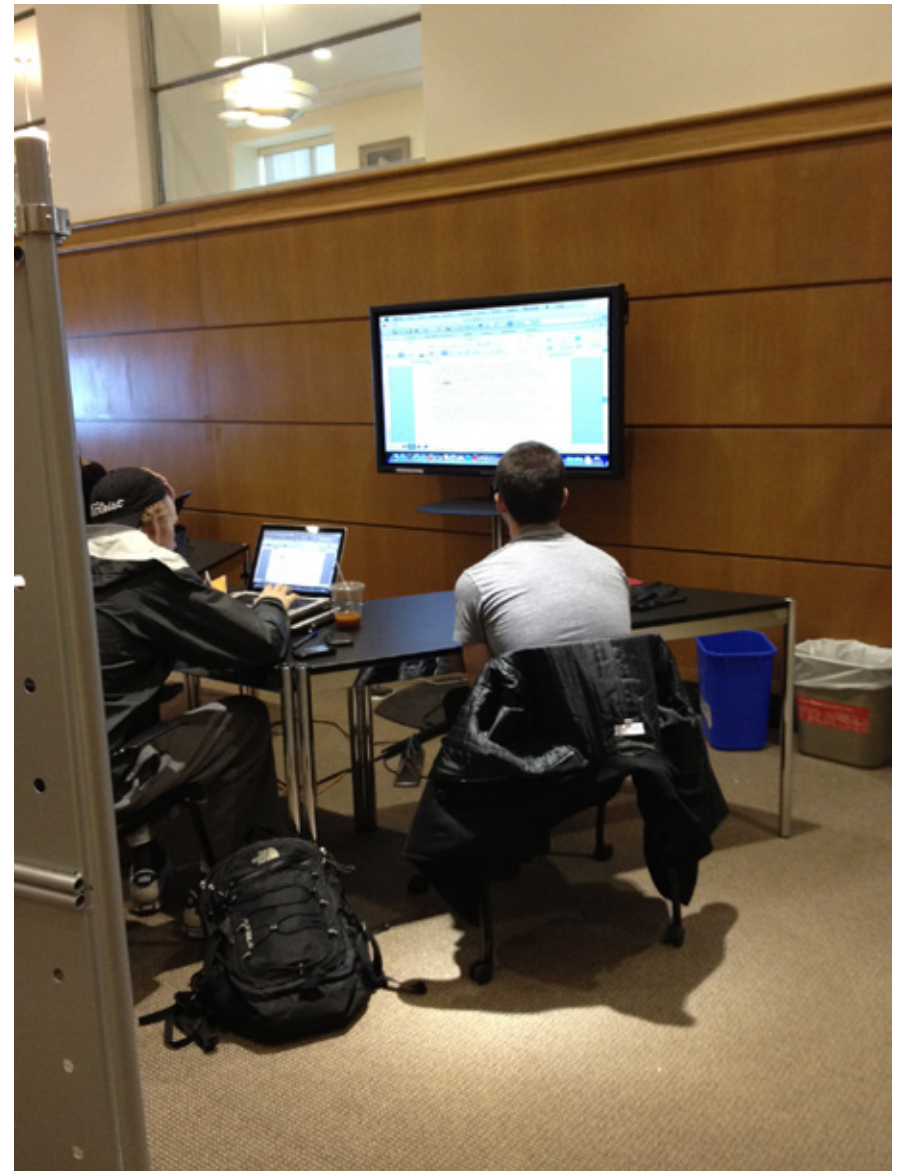
Lounge + mounted white boards.

Informal meeting place



USABILITY

Screen Sharing



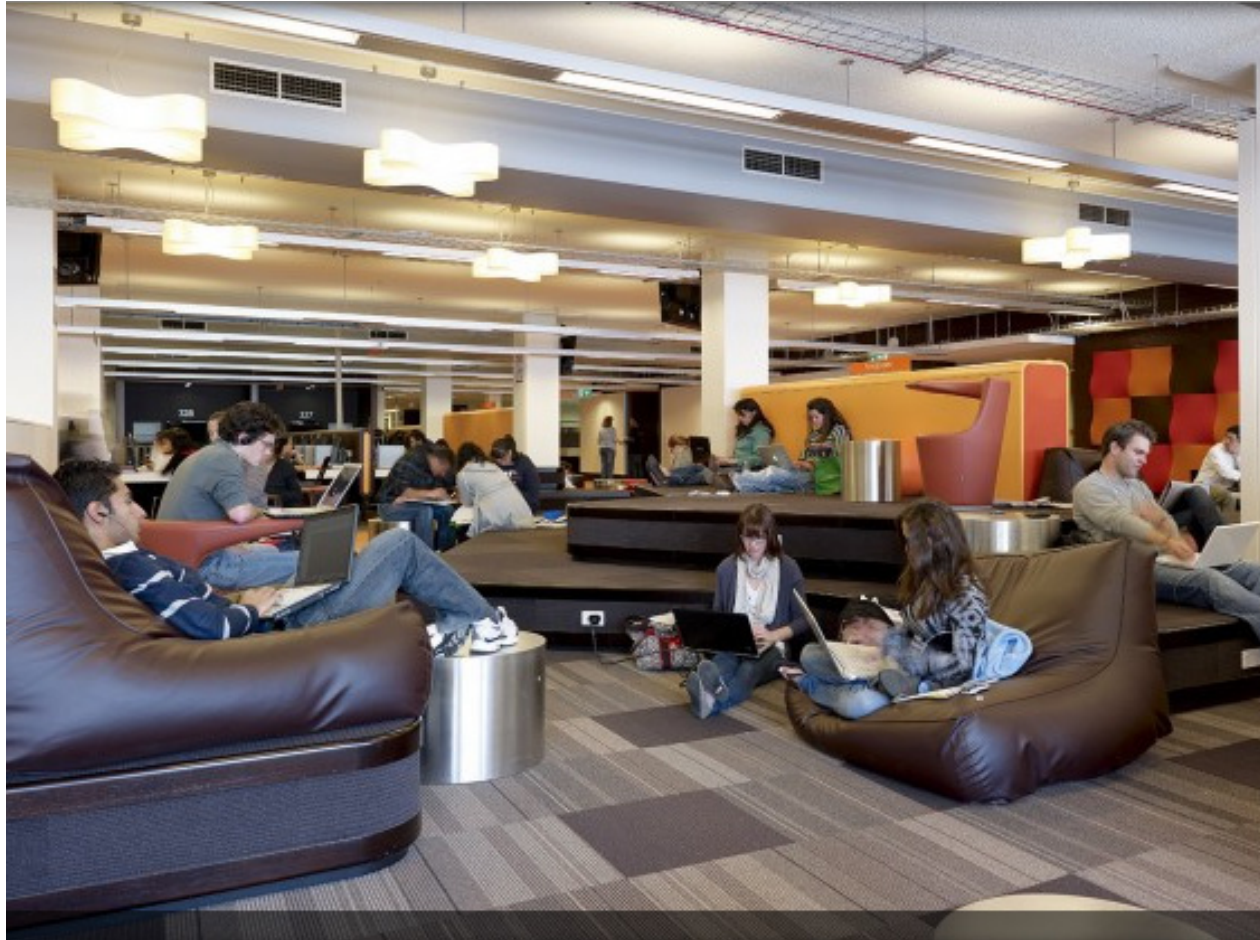
USABILITY

White boards - available markers

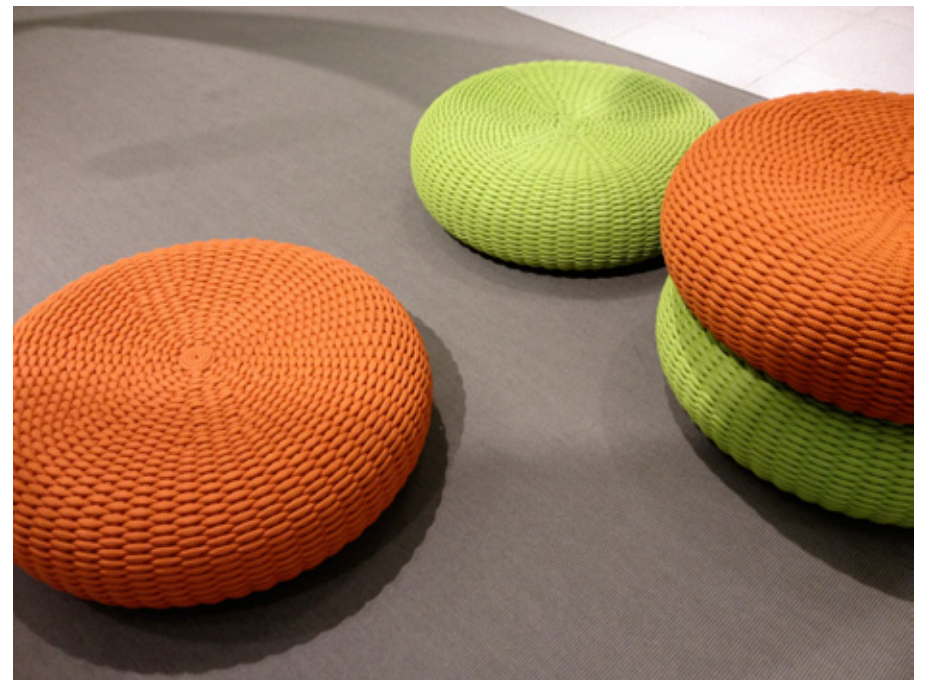


USABILITY

Comfort



“The ever-coveted bean bag chairs of the 3rd and 4th floor levels of the library. I haven’t seen one unoccupied since before classes started in February.”

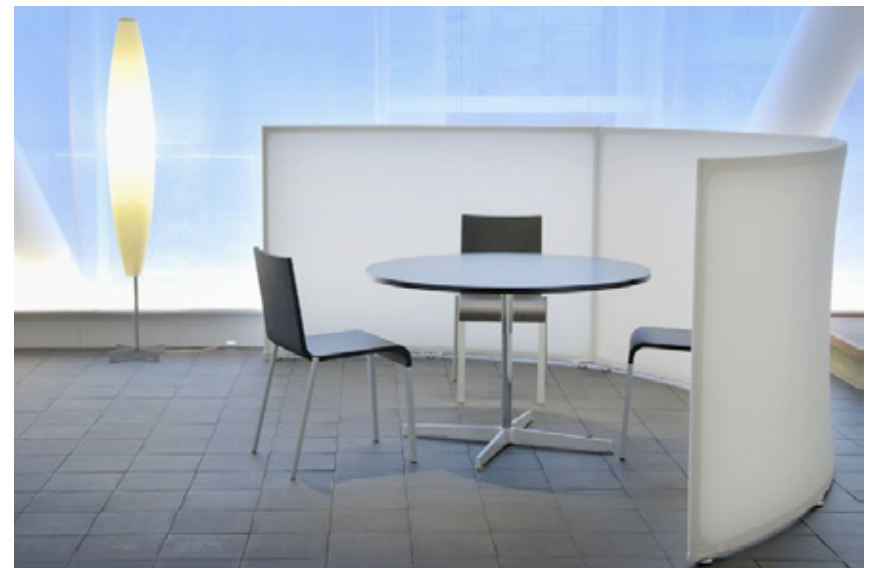


CUSTOMIZABLE / FLEXIBLE SPACE

Movable partitions



Best-Rite 74885 Great Divide Whiteboard Portable Partition



CUSTOMIZABLE / FLEXIBLE SPACE

Understanding that you're allowed to move things around.

- messiness conveys idea that you control space
- not precious



PRIVACY

Partitions

- Acoustic
- Ideally at least 2 walls/partitions for each “room”
- Give a sense of enclosure



PRIVACY

-Ability to add “walls” to your “room”
(white boards? screens?)

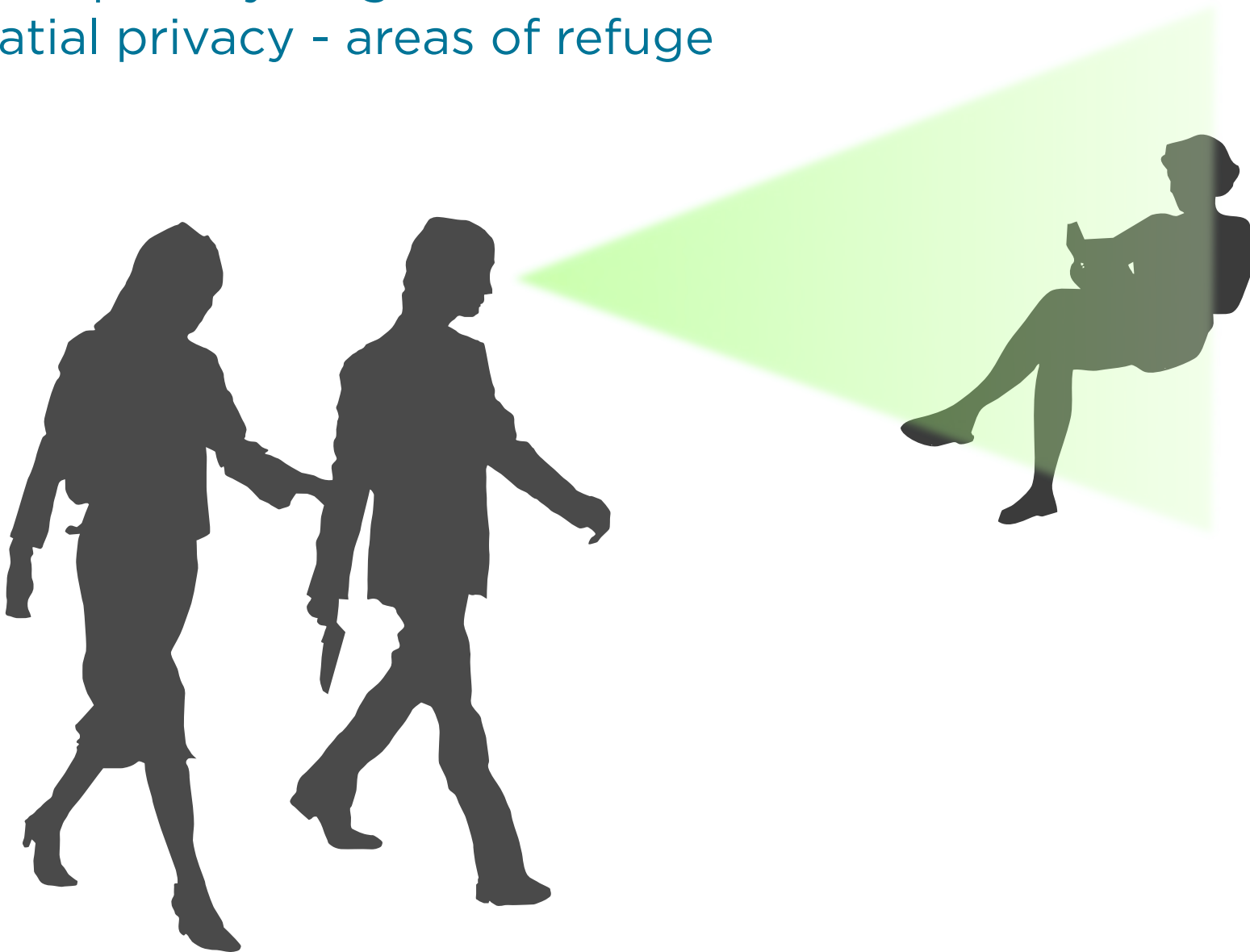


Best-Rite DOC Partition
<http://www.whiteboard-atoz.com/best-rite-doc-partition-661ag-xx-6-h-x-6-w.html>

PRIVACY

Defensible space- psychologically important for group privacy.

- Visual privacy - sight lines
- Spatial privacy - areas of refuge



COMMUNAL SENSE OF OWNERSHIP



- Feeling like you can move stuff around
- Ability to socialize
- White boards to write on the walls
 - messages or drawings
- plants, natural elements



COMMUNAL SENSE OF OWNERSHIP

Functioning communal spaces on campus:



Libe Cafe



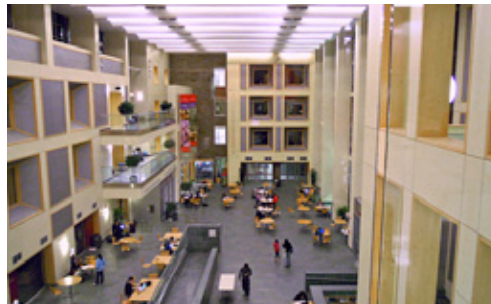
Green Dragon



Mann Lobby



HEB Commons



Duffield Atrium



Physical Sciences

AWARENESS

Key features to attract people:

- plants/green walls, wood furniture, unique furniture.
- seating: lounge and focus. Need to provide MORE than enough seating, this will also increase density.
- signage: available group room screen, environmental graphics.
- display space, show student work- making it a destination point.
- featured book/magazine displays- pertaining to each major.



POSSIBLE DESIGN RESPONSES

