

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN NUCLEAR SCIENCE

RUTHERFORD HIGH ENERGY LABORATORY

Office and Laboratory Accommodation

1. Minutes of a Meeting held in the Director's Office, Building R.1, on Monday, 11th July, 1960, to consider re-allocation of office space made vacant by the move of staff to Building R.20, and to examine an estimate of future requirements of office and laboratory space.

Present: Dr. T. G. Pickavance, Chairman.
Mr. L. B. Mullett

Mr. J. C. Louth
Mr. M. Snowden
Dr. G. H. Stafford
Dr. J. A. V. Willis

Mr. B. Halstead
Mr. E. Newberry, Secretary.

2. Re-Allocation of Office Space following move of Staff to Building R.20.

The Meeting noted that the agreed time scale for the transfer of staff to Building R.20, was about 5 days delayed at each phase, and the move should be completed by the first week in August. A proposed re-allocation of vacant office space was studied in detail, also recommended internal moves in Building R.1.

The following action was approved:-

Building R.15 (part vacant)
" R.16 (whole)
" R.12 (412.10 Section only).

It was decided to appoint a Sub-committee comprising Dr. G. H. Stafford, Mr. M. Snowden, Mr. G. H. Simmonds and Dr. L. C. W. Hobbis (or deputy) to arrive at a rational allocation of space in the above buildings, having regard to the following urgent needs:-

- (i) Dr. G. H. Stafford 11 offices for University Research Staff, and to relieve present cramped conditions, also office space for 4 Engineering staff in pipeline.
- (ii) Mr. G. H. Simmonds 8 offices for pipeline staff.
- (iii) Mr. S. Cross 1 office for Mr. Grossart.
NOTE: Mr. Cross and Mr. Louth to consider fitting N.T.II's in pipeline in Building R.8.
- (iv) Dr. L. C. W. Hobbis 2 offices for S.S.O's in pipeline.
- (v) Dr. K. Kandiah Office and Lab. space near to R.12 (412.9).
- (vi) Dr. W. Galbraith Space in Building R.20 or R.2 Counting Room.
- (vii) Mr. A. G. Ashburn Space in Building R.20, if Building R.2 is relinquished.

Building R.1

1st Floor

Room 1-11

Partition and allocate to:-

Mr. B. Halstead (one half).

Admin. Office (one half).

Room 1-12

Mr. A. Miller

Room 1-13

Dr. L. C. W. Hobbis

2nd Floor

Room 2-5

Mr. S. Cross and Mr. R. Hadden.

Room 2-9

Mr. T.C. Randle, Mr. E.J. Jones

Room 2-10

and Dr. R.G. Russell.

Room 2-11

Mr. J. D. Lawson.

Room 2-12

Dr. W. Galbraith

Computer Room

The Meeting felt that as no alternative accommodation could be found for the computer equipment - at present occupying a room in Building R.1 (Ground Floor) - they preferred to leave the matter for discussion between Mr. Walkinshaw and Mr. Dunn.

3. Future Requirements of Office and Lab. space

(a) Immediate

Before the R.1 link and extension buildings are available during the the second half of next year, there would clearly be a scarcity of both office and laboratory accommodation.

In order to supplement office space over the next 15 to 18 months, Terrapins should be erected as they become available from A.E.R.E. Mr. Louth said that 4 sections of Terrapin should be ready for transfer very soon and discussion took place as to the best location for them. It was decided that three sections should be sited as an extension to Building R.19 on its West side. A further one section should be sited along the South side of the road running parallel to and adjacent to Building R.20. The Chairman stated that if further Terrapin sections became available, these should be erected by extending from the single Terrapin alongside the road in an Easterly direction towards the boundary fence.

The Chairman decided that the S.W.O. Staff in Building R.19 should be moved to the single Terrapin adjacent to Building R.20.

When further laboratory space is required, the most suitable solution is to convert more office accommodation in Building R.1 to University type laboratory rooms. This can only be effected by moving junior scientific staff from this building to adjacent Terrapin accommodation when available.

(b) Future

When the R.1 link and extension buildings arrive during the latter half of 1961, there should be sufficient office accommodation on the Site to allow for a staff ceiling of about 650. It should also be possible to remove a proportion of the temporary buildings on the site. Nevertheless, a further review of the position is needed, and it was decided to arrange for the following aspects to receive consideration:-

(i) Staff Complements for 1961/62, to 1962/63.

Staff estimates should be prepared for 1961/62 and 1962/63 for submission to the General Purposes Committee.

(ii) Office and Laboratory space

The office space would appear to be satisfactory based upon a complement of about 650, but the laboratory space requirement needs closer examination. In particular, the need for laboratory and workshop facilities for Nuclear Physics around NIMROD is not sufficiently understood. Storage space of the hanger type is also required. The storage building should be cheap and capable of easy erection. It should not be unsightly in appearance. Finally, the time has arrived to look at the proposed allocation of space in the R.1 extension, to ensure that the proportion of office space to laboratory space is in proportion to the need.

(i) above is the responsibility of Dr. Willis. (ii) needs further considerable discussion, and it was decided to appoint a sub-committee to consider these matters and report their findings to the Chairman.

The suggested composition of this sub-committee is as follows:-

Mr. M. Snowden, Chairman.

Dr. G. H. Stafford.

Dr. L. C. W. Hobbs.

Mr. J. J. Wilkins.

4. Garages

Mr. Halstead reminded the Meeting that the two garages available on the site would be insufficient to meet anticipated requirements over at least the next 18 months. The Chairman advised that further garages of the prefabricated type to accommodate staff cars and other light vehicles, might be purchased and erected. It should be possible to restrict the purchase value to under £100 for each garage. Mr. Louth was asked to consider this matter with Mr. Halstead and report back.

D.A.O., Building R.1

15th July, 1960.

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