ECE Capstone Project Proposals Design for the ExCEL Building Jordan Binns



Engineering Centre for Experiential Learning (ExCEL)

- Proposed Engineering Student Centre
 - Enhance the undergraduate experience
 - In the pre-design phase
- Two Main Goals
 - Increase Experiential Learning
 - Create a Highly Sustainable Building
- Student Involvement is Highly Desired
 - Building designed by students, for students



Capstone Proposals

The projects revolve around:

- Sustainable Building Technologies/Design
- Supporting Undergraduate Students
- Enhancing Experiential Learning
- Proposed 3 problems for ECE students
 - Energy Load Display
 - Occupancy Tracking and Heat Load Calculation
 - Restricted Room Access
- We are considered a client

 We will offer input on proposal, monthly progress updates, final report, etc.

Energy Load Display

- Comprehensive sensor array to estimate total energy and water usage
 - Electric submeters (AC and DC), flow meters, heat flux sensors, pyranometers, temperature sensors, humidity sensors etc.
- Data will be collected, stored and displayed
 - Displays will be on the internet and throughout the building
- Design a system that will display the information to students



Energy Load Display - Expectations

- Display must be cost effective and energy efficient
- Display must show data in real time and use historical data
- Display should make the data meaningful to students
 - Units, Dollar Amount, Comparisons to Other Buildings, Etc.
- Display may have a GUI to allow data manipulation



Occupancy Tracking

- Building occupants are a substantial source of heat energy
- Would like to know the number of occupants
 - Helps to increase accuracy of data
 - Used in the future for load predicting HVAC system
 - Improve on state-of-the-art
 - Can show which rooms are occupied (cost permitting)
- Design a cost effective system that will track the number of building occupants



Occupancy Tracking – Expectations

- The system must be unobtrusive
 No Turnstiles!
- Must quantify and demonstrate the accuracy of your system
- Must have a plan to scale up your system
 - Must include costs

- May use the information to estimate heat load from occupants
- System may be as granular as you like
- The more information given the better
 - Temperature, Area Size, Room Occupancy, Etc.

Restricted Room Access

- Building will support clubs and teams
- Contain storage areas, work shop, office space, etc.
- Must ensure that the stored items are safe
- Create a novel system to restrict access to specific areas



Restricted Room Access – Expectations

- System must be cost effective
 - Key Card Access to Door is \$1500/door
 - Your solution must be significantly cheaper
- Access authorization and revocation should be as simple as possible
- Access should be tied to MacID or Student No.



Conclusion

- Proposed to acknowledge all student involvement
 - Even if ideas are not incorporated
- Any other groups with a relevant idea can work with ExCEL
 - Energy Generation, Experiential Learning, Sustainable Building Design, Etc.
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Questions?

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