20. Redesign Television Studio Space.

Goal A6

A6. Defining how the Television Studio space will be used in the future. (Either it will have to be significantly updated or redeveloped for another purpose.)

Problem Statement

The College's current Television Studio was designed in the late 1970s, and when the College moved its main campus to Spring Garden Street in 1982 was a state-of-the-art Television Studio using 1980 vintage television production techniques. The studio is an oversized two-story space, with lighting grids and HVAC features that were essential in 1980. The College has not updated its Television Studio since that that time. Cameras and equipment are now obsolete and/or in disrepair. The Television Studio has not been used for any formal television production activities for at least five years. The College has recently acquired camera equipment which allows on-location productions to be undertaken without the requirement of the use of a TV Studio.

The College operates a cable channel station (Channel 53) which distributes programming throughout the City. This programming is largely televised educational course materials and occasionally public relations and emergency announcements associated with the College. The distribution of programming over Channel 53 does not require the use of the TV Studio, but does require access to equipment which is housed in a room adjacent to the TV Studio. There is no programmatic initiative associated with the television production at present at the College, and there is a widespread belief that the Television Studio resource could be put to better programmatic use.

Proposed Solution

An institutional decision with respect to maintaining a television studio in the future is required. Either the studio must be redesigned to accommodate current video technology or the space reprogrammed to be used for another purpose. Current video technology does not require the existing two-story space. The studio lighting which generates intense heat is not required, nor is the large supplemental air condition system located in B1-18. A possible use of the TV Studio is as a recording studio for the Music Program which currently does not have this key resource.

Cost Estimate

(To be determined based on the Scope of Work)

