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*Note: **Bold text** denotes a reoccurring comment*

Strengths

- Biomedical innovation
- Translational research
- Center for creativity (but too small; located downstairs of the University store)
- Innovation Institute (but also small / just starting out)
- Moving Innovation Center from Posvar to ???
- Outdoor/seasonal spaces
- Student programs focused on innovation has increased (but no space for it)

Weaknesses/Disadvantages

- No ability to work with industry/collaborate with industry/tech transfer
- Different innovation institutes personnel are no close to each other
- No place for larger events, esp. innovative spaces (not a ballroom)
- Too many solid doors/no transparency

Opportunities

- Theme-based rather than school or department based initiatives
- There is an energy from getting outside of dedicated buildings
- Service for research position
- School of Computing and Information
- School of Medicine computational capacity investment
- Collaborative student spaces in residence halls
- Space for the programmer to meet the poet

Threats/Challenges

- **Funding sources**
- Brain drain if things don't take off re: innovation spaces
- Don't forget arts + sciences, social + humanity
- Not having clear goals