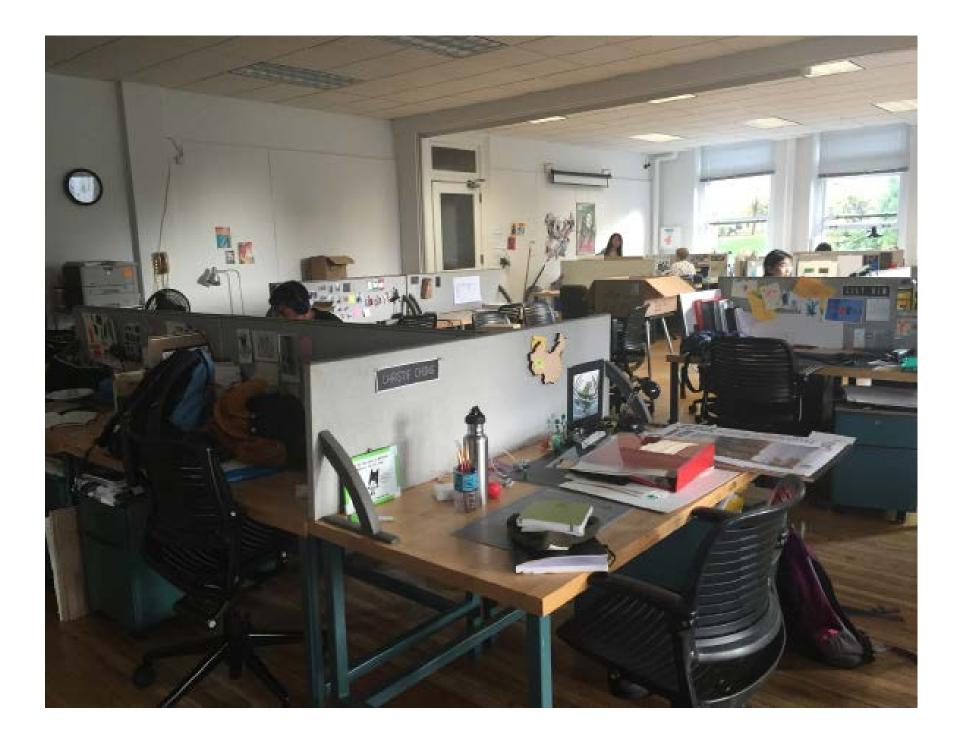Second wave of process

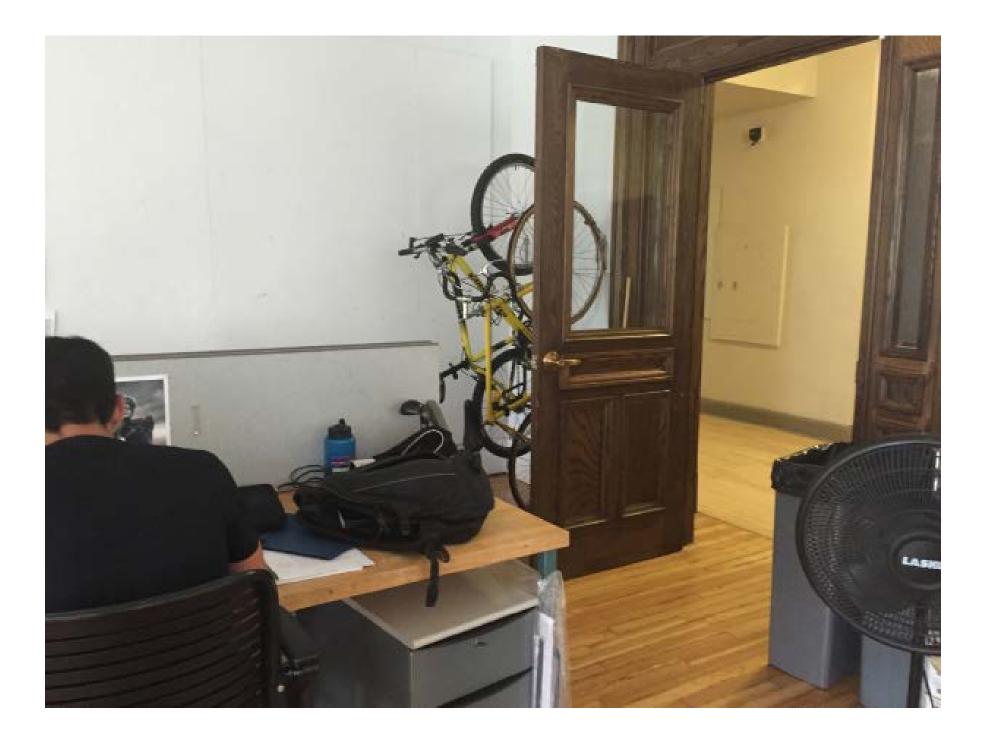# Studio re-design and developing a consciousness narrative

The New Configuration

We started by breaking up the clusters into groups of three. However, we noticed that this configuration did not give enough room for all students to sit confortably at their desk; we had to give everyone more room while also giving the bikes more room to get in and out. We ended up with the configuration pictured on the left.

The layout feels more open and allows for large critique and class discussions to become more interactive and participatory.

A change that gave us the greatest response was opening up the wall for the first time. The amount of natural light increased and the claustrophobic feeling went away.
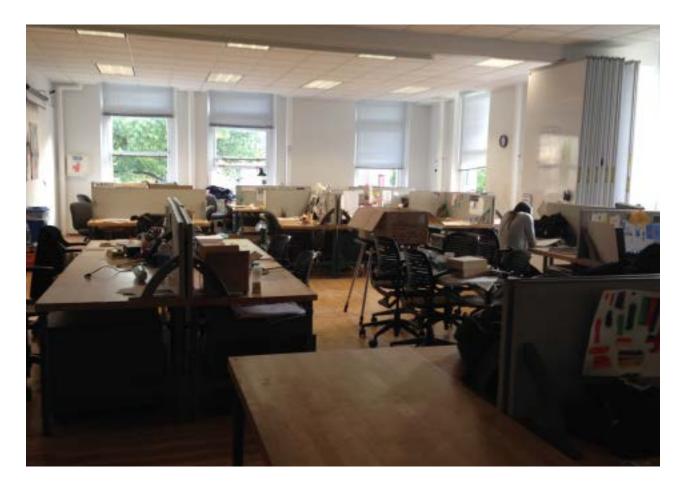
New Configuration

When we initially rearranged the desks, we realized that the space around the bike hangers had to be increased. We went through various combinations until we found one that we thought worked best.

The desks are now pushed back further than the previous set up and a more naturally flowing space is attained.

We are still unsure of everyone's opinions about the new configuration and will discuss them during class crit.
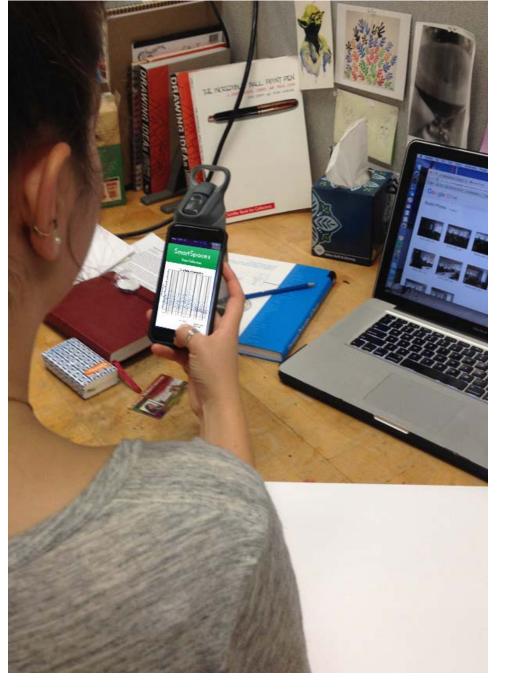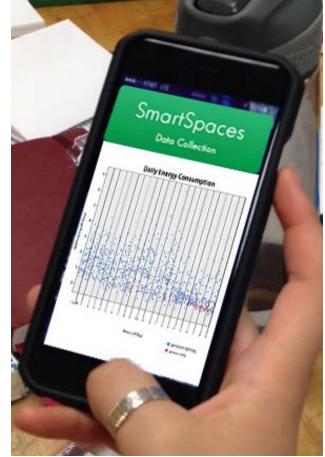
We noticed a change in lighting with and without the white board wall. They have more windows, so their side is consistenly better illuminated than ours. Opening up the space also made everyone feel less squished in our half of the room.
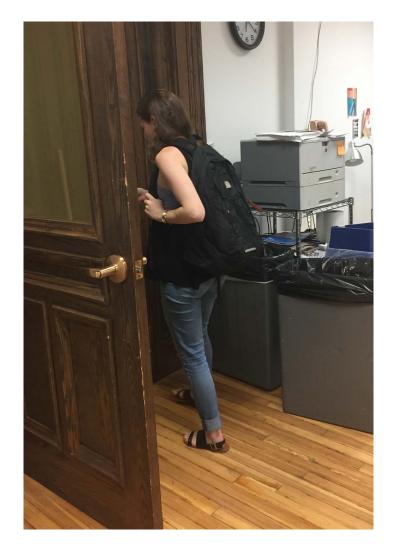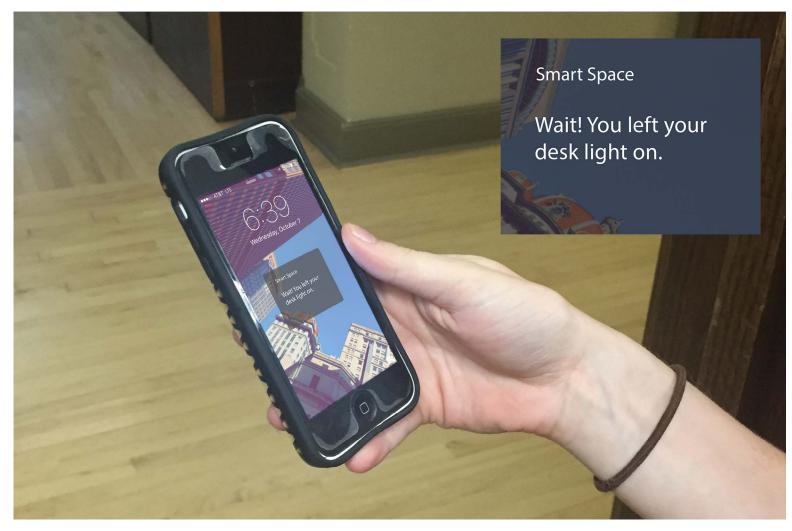
Increasing Consciousness

Narrative One:

Students and teachers can check the Smart Spaces application to see the history and current levels of consumption and usage in the studio space. Access to visualizations of the data from the rooms monitors and sensors is critical in starting a conversation about the studio's lighting, temperature, and acoustic factors. We hope that by giving everyone this resource we can change overall behavior. Sometimes people do not know that there is an issue, but if you tell them it exists and how to solve it, they'll be more inclined to actually participate in better behaviors and start to care about the cause.
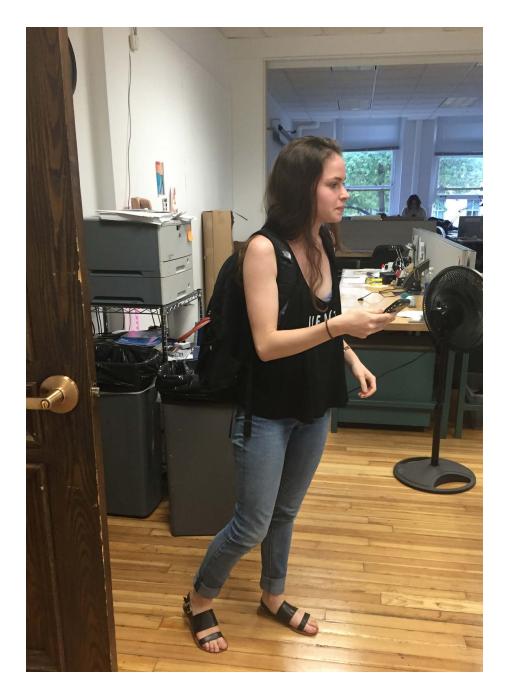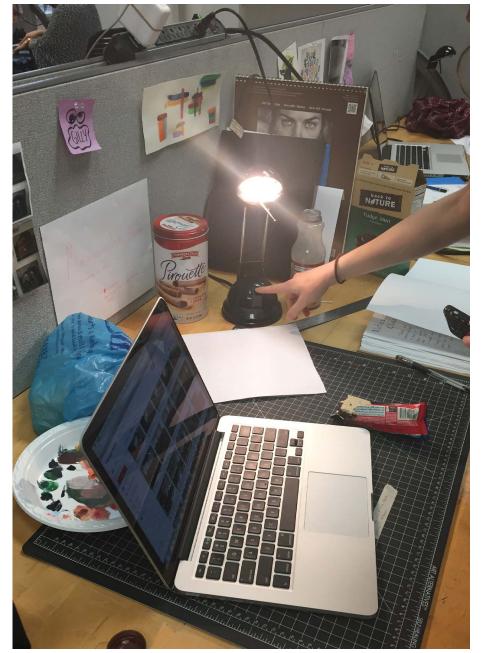
Smart Space

Wait! You left your desk light on.

Narrative Two:

The Smart Spaces application notifies you before you leave the room that you've left some thing turned on or plugged in.

The space makes the students aware of their habits and consumption eventually changing the behavior in studio.