

2016-2017 Student Technology Fee Proposal

College of Law Research Center

Equipping the Research Center with a High-Tech Student Collaboration Space

Project Description:

The purpose of this project is to create a high-technology student collaboration space for use by all students in the College of Law. This student collaboration space would be in a Research Center conference room (L203), allowing groups of up to 14 to meet, collaborate, and use video conferencing technology.

The Research Center has received many requests from students to have current, user-friendly screen-sharing display technology in that room for collaborative study, drafting, and large-group web conferencing. The room currently has an outdated SmartBoard projector that is difficult for students to use and often experiences technical malfunctions. While the Research Center has collaboration technology in smaller study rooms, the capacity of those rooms is limited to four people, and the L203 conference room is one of the most popular locations within the College of Law for larger study groups. It is also heavily used by student organizations and meetings for the College's Business Law Clinic (which serves entrepreneurs across the FSU community).

The L203 conference room will feature a large, easy-to-use display monitor, with hardware behind the scenes to enable wireless screen sharing from any laptop, tablet, or smartphone. The room will also be equipped with a webcam and microphone suitable for video conferencing in larger spaces. This technology will allow students to collaborate in numerous ways, including creating work product for classes, drafting group assignments, facilitating peer tutoring, law journal training, moot court preparation, and more. This room would also be available for faculty and librarians to conduct small, technology-assisted tutorial sessions.

Impact on Instruction:

The impact on instruction will be significant. Creating a high-technology collaboration space suitable for a larger student groups would allow law students to use collaboration technologies that many of them have already effectively utilized (and become enthusiasts of) during their undergraduate careers. These spaces will also help students to develop the same practical and technical skills they'll need in a modern, collaborative law practice. Furthermore, these high-tech collaboration spaces will also assist in attracting students and scholars who are interested in the sophisticated use of technology in law and legal education.

Project Plan:

This project will begin at the conclusion of the Spring 2017 semester and completed by the end of June 2017. Since this project is replacing an older projector in an existing conference room with new collaboration and web conferencing equipment, there are no additional space needs or infrastructure required to execute this project. The major component of this project is the

ordering, installation, and testing of this new hardware. This will all occur immediately following Spring semester graduation.

Support:

The College of Law Research Center and AV office will support equipment and training for the students and faculty. The cost of maintaining the equipment after the warranty period will be adequately covered by the existing College of Law expense budget.

Project Team:

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Budget:

As outlined in the budget breakdown on the following pages, the total cost is \$14,040.00. This is for hardware and installation only.