

Smart Classrooms Fall 2006

Major Upgrades Completed

New projectors, media controllers, computers and DVD/VCR players

Welcome back to the Fall 2006 Semester. The Classroom Technologies team has been busy installing new projectors, computers, media controllers and combination DVD/VCR players in 47 of the 80 existing centrally scheduled Smart Classrooms. In addition, 8 existing classrooms have been upgraded to Smart Classrooms and two more will come on-line shortly.

We have replaced 38 older projectors in the existing Smart Classrooms with much brighter Epson projectors. These new projectors have an output brightness as much as five times that of the oldest projectors they replace. While these bright projectors will help with the less than optimal lighting in some classrooms, we continue to work with Facilities in better controlling the light banks in the classrooms.

Media control in Smart Classrooms is now much more standardized. All classrooms now have either a push-button control panel or a touch-screen panel to control the projector and input sources. If you feel you would like some training on the new controls, please give us a call at x5475 and arrange for one-on-one training in your assigned classroom.

The older Dell GX 240's computers in 15 classrooms have been replaced with new Dell GX 520's.



New workstation in Tebama 119

New Panasonic DVD/VCR combination players have been placed in over 50 classrooms (including some classrooms that are equipped only with a TV). While the classroom computers support the playback of DVD discs, all Smart Classrooms now have a separate combo-DVD/VCR player.

Don't forget that some classrooms will require a media cabinet key to access the computer and/or DVD/VCR player. See your department's administrative assistant to request a key.

A complete list of the individual changes can be found on our website at:

<http://www.csuchico.edu/classrms>

Upgraded Classrooms

The following classrooms have new equipment installed. Visit our website for a complete list of the newly installed items.

<http://www.csuchico.edu/classrms>

AYRS 106	LANG 104
120	303
201	MODC 114
BUTE 101	118
102	120
103	123
229	220
319	OCNL 124
505	239
CLSA 116	254
GLNN 112	PAC 206
123	PHSC 301
125	PLMS 102
212	106
214	201
216	SISK 120
223	TALR 210
225	THMA 106
302	108
HOLT 170	121
268	YOLO 143
352	146
359	171
	178

New Classrooms

GLNN 202	PLMS 312†
327*	TALR 106
LANG 105	THMA 117
107	119
PHSC 109†	210

*Business Dept. Distance Ed. Classrm

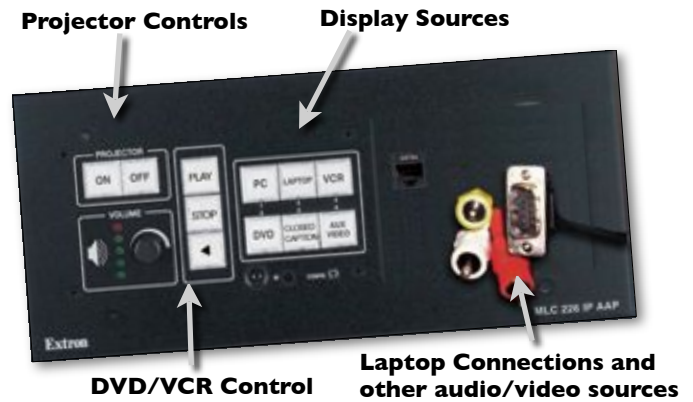
† Ready after start of the semester

TEN NEW CLASSROOMS ADDED

Ten new classrooms equipped this summer include new, larger workstations (see the picture on the previous page). They provide plenty of room for laptops, books and notes and include a pull-out keyboard tray. The workstations have large casters which allow them to roll easily – sometimes too easily. Press the locking foot pedals if you want to prevent the workstations from moving. Also, the lighting in the new classrooms has been reworked so that you can turn off the bank of lights directly in front of the screen. This, along with a 3000-lumen projector, should improve the clarity of the projected images.

New Extron controllers have been added to all of the new classrooms (and many of the older classrooms). Instructions for the simple pushbutton controls are posted at each workstation. It's important to note that all buttons are locked out when the projector is powering up or down.

We do ask that you shut off the projectors when you are not using them. Projector bulbs run around \$400 each and have a life span of 2,000 - 3,000 hours. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to give us a call at x5475.



Extron 226 Media Controller

SPECIAL TILT SESSION - A FREE LUNCH!



You are invited for an informal lunch (pizza?) to share ideas, concerns and discuss future needs in the Smart Classrooms. Come to Studio A in the basement of Meriam Library at noon on Wednesday, Aug 30th or Thursday, Aug 31st and bring your appetite and ideas. We will also discuss




the formation of a Smart Classroom Focus Group that will help us better understand faculty needs as well as understanding how the classrooms are being used. We also want to encourage the open discussion of successful teaching strategies in the technology enabled classrooms.

ABOUT CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGIES

The Classroom Technologies Team is part of Academic Technologies and is located in the basement of Meriam Library. In addition to designing, installing and supporting all of the centrally scheduled Smart Classrooms, we also provide some support in the design and installation of departmental facilities. We also provide general classroom audio/visual support (Slide projectors, TV's, DVD/VCR players) as

well as furnishing repair services for A/V equipment. Public address systems for small venues are also available. Finally, we support the campus cable TV and satellite systems. If you have any comments or questions concerning our services, please feel free to contact the department supervisor, Jan Costenbader at x4192 or at jcostenbader@csuchico.edu.



Need help or one-on-one classroom training?

Call x5475

M-Th from 8AM - 8PM, Fri 8AM - 5PM

or send a note to: smartrm@csuchico.edu

