

Joint Classroom Steering Committee

FY 2017 Report of Accomplishments for URI Faculty Senate Meeting: 23 March 2017
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Classroom Media upgrades approved and accomplished in FY 2017:

CBLS 100: during winter break 2 older projectors were replaced with a single high quality laser projector, all associated hardware to run the projector, added a new document camera, and added 3 monitors at the front of the classroom so students no longer need to crane their necks to see the screen. Cost = \$85K. Bids are out to replace the projector and associated hardware in **CBLS 010** during early summer 2017 (estimated cost \$80K).

Ballentine: During early summer 2017, the plan is for remaining classroom media funds to upgrade 6 classrooms (~40-50 seats per room; **Ballentine rooms 101, 102, 105, 111, 112, 113**) which were last replaced in in 2009. This project will go out to bid in the middle of March, with an estimated cost of ~\$30K per classroom. Another separate bid will be put out for **Ballentine 114** (55 seats, estimated cost \$80K) and CBLS 10 (\$80K upgrade).

Furniture/ classroom renovation expenses for 2016/2017:

Replaced furniture in **East Auditorium** (150 seats) over winter break using funds from last year's allocations.

Spent \$167K to put all new furniture in **Pastore & Morrill Halls** for the College of Engineering (COE) swing space that is being used while COE building is being constructed. This swing space includes 9 classrooms (# of seats per classroom: 48, 64, 30, 2 @42, 49, 44, 54, and 36 seats.) All old furniture will be reused on campus or recycled

Preliminary discussions for allocation of FY 2018 funds:

The second floor of **Ranger Hall** has the potential for 7 new general assignment classrooms, ranging from 35 to 66 seats. JCSC may use FY18 funding to support furniture and AV needs. In addition to University General Fund support, the Harrington School might match funds for these upgrades.

White Hall auditorium is in need of a major upgrade (\$1.3 million renovation in 2016 dollars), but much of this renovation is construction costs beyond JCSC obligations.

Bliss Hall has AV that could be upgraded this next round, as well as some classrooms in Chafee. In particular, **Chafee 271** needs lots of renovation to the classroom, audio, and visual equipment. Bliss has \$25.5M to renovate the building including the renovation/construction of 6 classrooms.

Each of the remaining **44 General Assignment** classrooms not renovated recently could use an upgrade in AV equipment (projector, doc camera, hardware to run camera) with an estimated cost of \$10K per classroom (thus beyond the current limits of JCSC funding).

Fogarty 214 (107 seats) – furniture is in bad shape – seats keep breaking, but not sure worth replacing these seats as not sure of plans for this classroom.

Finally, there was a discussion about adding benches in the atrium outside of classrooms in Chafee, since students waiting for classrooms now have to sit on the floor.