

Technology Board Report

Video Conference Room

Added a webcam and microphone in the Eagles Nest conference space for a meeting being hosted. The feedback was that it worked well. Discussing with Fact Audio if we can easily add a tap from our sound system into the computer for improved microphone options.

ECTS Website

The review and planning teams have been meeting weekly, and the feedback and ideas are very encouraging. I expect to be rolling out ideas by the end of March. One of the possibilities being discussed, is a complete rebuild on a new platform.

Classroom Presentation Updates

LCD TV's have been installed in replace of projectors in the Early Childcare preschool, and the Automotive Technologies upper theory room. These were planned Perkins funded projects.

Server Updates

Upgraded one of our servers to support 10 gigabit network interface and added 40 terabytes or redundant storage leveraging a low cost storage appliance. With recent Windows 10 feature updates, our automated deployment systems have required some tuning and patching to support these releases.

MacBook Batteries

The Art & Design laptops have had all their batteries replaced, to regain all day runtime. These 8 laptops are about 4 years old; and this is an expected maintenance to extend their life until replacement at 6-8 years of lifecycle.

Xerox Trip

Visited the Xerox Gil Hatch Center for Innovation in Rochester, NY for a presentation on production print related to optimizing the Graphic Arts Lab. Graphics has had a single production copier, that has been refreshed approximately every 6 years, as a centerpiece of its lab space. Due to our educational environment, and the related wear and tear of the increase human interface more so that output volume, these copiers have not been as reliable as we would like. One of the considerations is reducing the single point of failure, however that may be achievable. Xerox had some ideas and Mr. Salorino and I are digesting all that we experienced.