**Faculty Technology Advisory Committee**

**Technology Grant Application**

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**Nielsen Library: Mobile Presentation Station**

**Executive Summary**

In line with modern academic library practices, the Nielsen Library has dramatically increased the amount of library programming it offers, including lectures, music events, art receptions, literature readings, author receptions, and more.

The library, built in the 1970’s, was not designed to support events programming and there is no ideal space to host them. The library currently holds most events in an open area on the second floor that includes a flat screen television mounted to a wall. This location is acceptable – if not ideal - early in the semester before studying begins in earnest, but we have significant concerns about disrupting group and solo study activity during high library use periods.

A **“mobile presentation station”** would enable us to host events in other library locations such as the first floor, where they would be far less disturbing to studying students. When not in use for events, the mobile unit could also be used by students in group study rooms for presentation practice purposes.

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**Description of Technology or Technology Program**

A mobile presentation station setup would include:

* A video conferencing cart
* A flat screen television (~58”; need to ensure it fits on elevator!)
* Speakers
* A webcam for videoconferencing events
* HDMI cable
* A dedicated laptop for showing PowerPoints, videos, DVD’s, etc.

**Project Description**

The mobile presentation station would be stored in a secure storage room in the library, and brought out for use during library programming events. Its availability to students for presentation practice and videoconferencing purposes would be advertised via the library’s website (see our dedicated technology collection page at <http://www.adams.edu/library/services/technology.php> and could be checked out with a library card (and an equipment policy agreement, to be kept on file). The library would also promote the station’s availability via our active and effective social media presence.

The presentation station would be used to host library events in less disturbing areas such as the first floor. For the Spring semester, for example, the library is hosting a series of 8 lectures (our Earth, Water, Sky series), several game and film viewing nights, and one literary reading event. These all run March – May, a period of higher library use.

**Project Evaluation**

The project will be assessed via statistics, event evaluation forms, and general student focus groups.

**Project Sustainability**

The equipment will help the Nielsen Library continue its active programming schedule until such time as the library is renovated and a dedicated events space with proper noise zoning is created. After library renovation, the equipment will continue to be useful for students wishing to practice presentations in study rooms that lack dedicated projection technologies.

**Budget**

Exact equipment will be determined if/when grant funding is secured. The following items are representative selections:

**$1,513.22** Chief X-Large FUSION Video Conferencing Cart (<http://www.chiefmfg.com/Products/XVAUB>). Quote from CDW-G.

**$220.79** Cart Accessory Shelf (<http://www.chiefmfg.com/Series/FCA612>).
Quote from CDW-G.

# $874.94 Samsung UN58H5005 58-Inch 1080p 60Hz LED TV

# $74.95 Logitech HD Pro Webcam C920, 1080p Widescreen Video Calling/Recording

# $5.49 HDMI Cable

# $99.00 Bose Companion 2 Series III Multimedia Speakers

# ------------$2,788.39

# *\*\* Note: This grant was originally submitted to FTAC in 2015. The above figures represent estimates obtained last year. They have not been updated We anticipate costs to be same/similar. If the pricing has increased, Nielsen Library will cover any additional funds required.*

**Population Groups Served**

All Nielsen Library programming events are open to the entire campus and broader San Luis Valley community. In keeping with the library’s strategic efforts to develop strategic partnerships across campus, many of these events are either sponsored by or cosponsored with other ASU departments and units. Many library events are well attended.

**List of Key Faculty and/or Staff Members Participating**

Carol Smith, Library Director

Rosanna Backen, Access Services and Distance Learning Librarian

Geoff Johnson, Learning and Engagement Librarian

**Computing Services and/or AITC Support Contacts**

n/a

**Results Dissemination Plan**

After one year of use, the library will develop an assessment report that will include:

1. Number of events hosted using the technology
2. Event details (title; description; date; location)
3. Relevant feedback from event evaluation forms
4. Student use statistics
5. Relevant feedback from student focus groups