

Technology Priority List

Broadest impact on the campus faculty community was considered with the following prioritized list created. The list follows:

1. **Room/Event Scheduling Software:** Currently there is no feasible way to locate empty classrooms or conference rooms for scheduling.
 - a. *Need the ability to locate and schedule meetings.*
 - b. *When looking for a classroom for ad-hoc classroom activities, need to be able to locate appropriate classroom size, find which ones are available at specific times, and schedule those classrooms.*
 - c. *University would also benefit from a single place to see all scheduled events on campus.*
 - d. *This would help advertise events and help students, prospective students and community members easily see all the events each day on campus.*
 - e. *This could have a positive impact on both recruitment and retention.*

2. **Student photos attached to Course Rosters and Advising Lists:** Faculty would like access to photos of students to help with learning student and advisees names quickly and efficiently to help build personal interactions with students.
 - a. *Many schools provide access to student pictures attached to their course rosters at the beginning of each semester.*
 - b. *This would enable professors to quickly learn student names to help build rapport with students across campus.*
 - c. *Encouraging professors to learn names of their students is often encouraged for under-serving students to help them feel welcome and give them a sense of belonging. This has the potential to help retention with many students who feel isolated on campus.*

3. **Teaching/Testing Computer Lab:** Expanding at least one computer lab to accommodate at least 36 students to allow group work in conjunction with classroom discussions as well as testing.
 - a. *Currently, professors are having a difficult time finding computer labs that are available for ad hoc class meetings to allow students to do work on the computer during classroom sessions.*
 - b. *Allowing students to take tests on the computer during class time is also a need of many professors.*
 - c. *Room scheduling/event planning software may help with this dilemma.*

4. **Iclickers:** As iclickers break or become out-of-date, they are not being replaced for use in many classrooms.

- a. *Several departments still use iclickers as a learning and teaching strategy, but support for their use has been sporadic and inconsistent.*
 - b. *While new software applications do allow the use of cellphones as a replacement for iclickers, they have worked inconsistently across campus.*
 - c. *FTAC did discuss the possibility of having students buy their own iclickers at the bookstore if the software and receiver could be maintained by the university.*
5. **Faculty Technology Grant:** The \$5,000 grant provides the greatest support for experimental and department specific technology across campus.
- a. *Continued funding of the Faculty Technology Grant is urged from FTAC.*