PACCR CLASSROOM AND TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS
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PACCR Classroom Build

The Provost’s Advisory Committee on Classrooms (PACCR) has approved a general set of standards for the configuration of Norman campus classrooms, to include the following:

- Replacing all tablet-arm chairs with seating that is comfortable and provides adequate desk surface area to hold a laptop computer, a notebook and a text book simultaneously
- Although a variety of different types of classrooms are needed and the nature of the seating would vary with room size and function, the proposed basic standard would be:
  - for smaller classroom (approximately 60 or fewer seats) with flat floors: moveable tables and chairs or moveable chairs with large fixed desks;
  - for smaller classroom (approximately 60 or fewer seats) with tiers: fixed tables or counters with moveable chairs;
  - for larger lecture halls: tiered seating with fixed tables or counters and either moveable or fixed chairs.
- Establishing a reasonable standard for the number of seats per classroom. The Task Force recommends a target of 1 seat per 20 sq. ft.
- Limiting the depth of new classrooms to no more that 1.5 times their width
- Ensuring that all classrooms are arranged in such a way that all students can see and hear the instructor and all presentations clearly
- Ensuring that all classrooms are equipped with dimmable lights and that the lights are of adequate quality and intensity
- Ensuring that classrooms are accessible to all persons and that those with disabilities are provided with appropriate seating and are not segregated at the rear of the room.
- Providing systems for better control of temperature
- Making pencil sharpeners available in or near all classrooms
- Providing every classroom with an accurate clock
- Providing space or means for students to hang or stow their backpacks and coats
- Placing an adequate number of large trash containers both inside and outside of classrooms

PACCR Technology Build

To ensure that every centrally scheduled classroom provides faculty and students with adequate instructional technology options, the Provost’s Advisory Committee on Classrooms (PACCR) recommends that the University:

- Adopt and implement a campus-wide standard for a basic suite of instructional technology for various types of classrooms. Although there may be variations, depending on the size, configuration and purpose of the room, the basic suite should include:
  - high quality blackboards and/or whiteboards
  - projection or plasma screens for projecting computer-based presentations
- DVD projection or playback capability
- easy hook-ups for an instructor’s laptop
- high speed internet connections, preferably wireless, in all classrooms
- a sound system that allows the instructor to hear students and students to hear the instructor
- positioning of screens and boards so that they can be used simultaneously

- Adopt a campus-wide standard for smart interfaces in classrooms that will allow an instructor to activate the A/V equipment in a classroom, including hooking up a laptop computer, and be prepared to make an in-class presentation in less than 5 minutes.

- Adopt a standard to add a data network line during each classroom remodel in order to accommodate students who require specialized learning software and hardware. This network outlet should be accompanied by a power receptacle and situated in a position that would allow any student to access it without creating a tripping hazard.

Sample Equipment in “PACCR 2.0” Build
Laptop-ready instructor workstation (OU Physical Plant custom design)
Flip-top control panel with touch-screen access
Ceiling-mounted data projector
DVD Blu-ray player
High-resolution document camera
Projection screen
Ceiling-mounted speakers