

Oakland Community College

TEC Station Furniture

Position Paper

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Position Statement

OCC has invested a significant amount of time, effort, and capital funds into deploying Technology Equipped Classrooms (TEC).

Although the existing TEC stations effectively meet the needs of the faculty, there are two areas of concern:

- Cost of the customized cabinet for the teaching station.
- Dimensions of the customized cabinet in some space-constrained classrooms.

Proposition 1:

Expand the standard TEC station specification to include 3 configuration choices. All installations should be sensitive to ADA requirements, when applicable. Every campus should have a minimum of one ADA compliant TEC:

1. Continue offering the existing custom cabinet.
2. Offer a roll about cabinet as represented by the Spectrum Media Director #55160IDHD (See attached photo).
3. For extreme cases only- offer a combination of low and high tables with the components housed in an enclosure separate from the furniture.

Proposition 2:

Request Purchasing department to issue a Request For Proposal (RFP) to revisit the pricing for the custom cabinet, roll-about cabinet, component enclosure, components and services. (See attached current price lists. Please note that custom and portable system quotes shown do not include projector mount with security screws which are now required for all new installations at an additional price of \$265 per installation.)

Proposition 3:

Revisit the placement of the projection screen to maximize display surfaces, both white board and screen.

Background at OCC

The first Technology Equipped Classrooms were installed in Auburn Hills (F building) in the mid 1990's. The evolution continued with the development of the "Master Classroom" specification in February 2000. An RFP (Request For Proposal) was sent to vendors in April 2001 for response, and deployment of TEC stations beginning later in the calendar year 2001.

Benefits

Expanding the configuration options will provide:

- Flexibility to better integrate a TEC station into the teaching space (classroom, lab, IIC, Library)
- The ability to lower the first cost of a TEC installation.