

2018-2019 Technology Committee Report

The CJC Technology Committee this academic year focused on upgrades and updates to two of the computer labs in Weimer.

After confirming computing needs with the professors who used those classrooms, the committee worked with TAG to determine appropriate computers for room 3028. These essentially match the PCs that were upgraded in room 3024 last year, with a slight upgrade. These computers have been ordered and are scheduled to be installed by the end of June.

The committee also worked with TAG to update the hard drives in the INC iMac lab, room 3324. While these computers were still functional, the internal drives were starting to fail. So in order to extend the functionality of this lab space, the hard drives were incrementally updated during the Fall semester.

The computers in 3324 will be upgraded to new iMacs by the end of June in time for the Summer Media Institute to work in that space, with the older iMacs migrating to other areas in the INC as needed.

After conversations with instructors working in 3324, the total number of computers in that lab will be reduced from 30 to 25 (24 student stations plus one instructor station). Several of the older iMacs will be kept available for use during the Summer Media Institute in the event that we have more than 24 students using that space.

TAG also reports that the audio/video controls in 3024 and 3032 have been updated and that further updates are forthcoming. 3032 has a new screen that better matches the aspect ratio of the recently installed projector in that room.

Looking forward, the members of the committee are checking with their various departments to answer the question “what could we solve in the next five years with the right technology?” This was a request for input proposed to the dean by Elias Eldayrie, who is the Chief Information Officer for UF and who is also the person in charge of Information Technology development.

Finally, the committee would like to formally recognize the work done by the CJC’s Technology Advancement Group. The technology committee makes requests and recommendations, but TAG are the ones who do the heavy lifting (quite often literally.)