

Informal Group on Learning Spaces
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Classroom Tour Discussion

We will use a site hosted by Shutterfly, <http://uiucinformallearningspaces.shutterfly.com>.
April 19 – deadline for submitting spaces and then we will set up the tour.

Discussion on Surveying Instructors on Classroom Use and Ideals

Ask what they teach.

What are their limitations in the space?

Describe a space that has met your needs in the past.

How open are you to redesigning your curriculum?

The basics are enabling the use of PPT and a projector.

Do you think we should concentrate on large classrooms or small classrooms?

How would you envision using technology differently?

How would you use this: a) huddle boards, 2) multiple screens, 3) flexible furniture – or ranking the value of each . . .

What is the state of the art in your discipline?

Distinguished teacher scholar event is being recorded and could be made into clips to help people get a context to answer questions.

How often would you use xx?

What would help your students learn?

**Need to ask the students what they would like to help them learn.

Present a scenario describing a room and what is available and asking them how likely they are to use it.

Show a picture of rooms at other places and ask them how would you use these spaces?

Use pictures, mock-ups (autocad in 3D) to inspire answers.

Since we have these initiatives coming up and some of the gaps have been identified and classrooms will be equipped with projectors, etc – faculty perceptions and needs will be changing quite a bit – how do you capture even further out future changes?

Your input is generating further progress – give examples of how faculty feedback has informed some of the changes.

Instructional Space Use committee being formed and perhaps we can pass along our findings and descriptions to further progress in classroom design and planning.