

2014-2-16 Focus Group Summary

Teaching Facilities

We have the types of needed facilities, but need improvements in:

- number of computers in classrooms, and more computer equipped classrooms
- better projectors
- better lighting
- more reliable computers
- reliable wifi in classrooms
- broader array of software needed
- better coordination between IT and AV

Teaching - Future Directions

Sakai frustrates many people, with user interface, ease of email

Unclear how much use smart board in Scott 230 gets, or what teachers want it to do

Some interest in analytics from sakai

Concern over online education from other 7Cs, and how that might affect Pitzer

Students may have special needs or different learning modes, how to use IT to respond?

Advising

Need an easier experience with the portal, including logons

Need to easily gather info about students' status, etc on portal

Need tools to track students's progress towards degree and major requirement

Need better major declaration forms based on the major

Communication and Collaboration

Need for adequate file storage (cloud?) and ability to share/collaborate

Need for web page design support

Need for faculty to control own web pages more directly