

## **Spring 2008 Update on Classroom Improvement Project**

Over the winter break we were able to upgrade Fernald 11, Goessmann 20, and Isenberg SOM 133. We also began a project to equip our smallest classrooms with a smaller AV package to meet the needs of more classes. We completed Dickinson 206 and LGRT 1234 with this simplified package that requires the instructor to bring her or his laptop to the room or to ask AIMS to deliver a DVD/VCR to the room. We are calling these new, smaller installations CIP IT Lite. During spring break, we will continue installing these “Lite” packages.

In addition, we will install the full CIP IT package in these eight rooms over spring break:

Dickinson 110  
Dickinson 112  
Dickinson 114  
Dickinson 214  
Draper 124  
Holdsworth 202  
Tobin 307  
Totman156

These eight rooms will get the same CIP IT package that has been used in about 130 classrooms to date.

We also changed our key procedure and now use a “submit and pickup” using the Web-based Key Request Form [www.umass.edu/provost/key-request](http://www.umass.edu/provost/key-request)

You will be sent an email when your key is ready for pickup at the reception desk in the Office of the Provost, 362 Whitmore. Be sure to bring your campus ID (or driver’s license) when you stop by to pick it up.

### **CIP IT Lite**

We call this CIP IT Lite because we do not install a locked AV cabinet in the room and it also lacks a dedicated DVD/VCR. All the equipment is accessed in these rooms from a wall plate. The instructor attaches her/his computer to the wall plate with the provided cable. If a DVD is needed and the instructor cannot use her/his computer to play it, AIMS can bring over a DVD, or VCR, to connect to the wall plate as well. The amplifier and the speakers are installed in the ceiling along with the projector.

These rooms work best for instructors who only need their computer for their presentation since the ceiling installed amplifier, speakers and projector make this a great presentation experience without the cost, and loss of floor space, of the other equipment. Thus if you use only a laptop for your teaching, you can use a full CIP IT or CIP IT Lite room with equivalent success. We are using the savings to do more rooms.

### **Equipment in a CIP IT Lite room:**

Sanyo XU-78 Projector XGA 3000 lumen

Dalite Model B 70" by 70" screen

Extron Medialink Projector Switcher

Extron MPA-122 Amplifier

JBL Ceiling Speakers

Wall connection plate and connecting cable(s) for connecting your own computer or an AIMS DVD or VCR.