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## Two classrooms updated in O'Dowd Hall

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"The classroom environment plays a critical role in providing the best possible educational experience for students. Faculty should be provided with the technological tools that will facilitate learning," said Steve Shablin, registrar. "Students should be provided with an environment that includes optimal lighting, optimal sight lines from all areas of the room and classroom furniture that meets the needs of all students."

The new classrooms, which accommodate 29 courses this fall, meet those needs.

The classrooms seat 60 students each and include a level III package including fixed ceiling mounted data/video projector, multimedia presentation instructor desk, classroom computer, document camera, electronic whiteboard and LCD instructor display, an electronic control system, DVD/VHS player and appropriate sound system.

The renovation is part of a classroom project to accommodate enrollment growth. It was a collaborative effort between Capital Planning and Design, Classroom Support and the Office of the Registrar.

"These two new classrooms are the first step toward establishing the benchmark by which we want to measure future classroom renovations as well as new construction so that the best possible learning environment can be provided to the university community," said Katherine Rowley, assistant registrar.

### SUMMARY

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