

Dear Dr. Garcia,

Mark Ritschard of Engineering Network Services (ENS) brought your request for the GIS Classroom to the Engineering Student Technology Committee (ESTC). The committee understood that your request is for the ESTC to permanently fund the 31 desktop computers currently installed in the classroom. Additionally, the ENS Computer Lab Manager, Dan Herrick, brought to attention that you would like to increase the total number of seats in the room by 3, for a total of 34 desktop computers (including the one in the lectern).

The ESTC approved the increased funding for these desktop computers at its meeting on February 20, 2009. The committee also agreed to fund the additional three desktop computers if the Civil and Environmental Engineering department is willing to fund the balance of the expenses to add three seats to the lab. These expenses would include the cost of desks and chairs similar to those already in the lab and any additional network connections that may be necessary. The total annual cost for these changes is \$15,804, which represents the cost to install and maintain desktop computers rather than Sun thin clients which are currently funded.

Please notify me know if the Civil and Environmental Engineering department still wishes to add the extra three seats and bear the additional expenses. I will then notify the ESTC and will coordinate the upgrade with ENS.

Sincerely,



Brad Reichel, Chair
Engineering Student Technology Committee