**RENEWAL OF THE 6300 BUILDING’S LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

In 1978, what is now the 6300 building on the San Luis Obispo campus was completed, and the structure housed seven classrooms ideally suited for liberal arts education. Six of the classrooms have served Cuesta College faculty and students as they studied psychology, philosophy, sociology and history in moderate class sizes of 40 or fewer students. The sixth room, 6304, was the pinnacle for instruction.

When the college unveiled the Humanities Forum, room 6304, it was a state-of-the-art auditorium in 1978, serving students, faculty and our larger community with innovative audio and video technology, comfortable seating and the space to deliver inspiring lectures—both for academic classes and for community scholarship.

Unfortunately, the classroom now is over thirty years old, the technology long since outmoded and the seating no longer functional. The building has been severely aged by weather and the subsequent water damage has caused problems throughout.

Room 6304 provides space for courses supporting the learning of roughly 2,000 students an academic year, across 9 disciplines, ranging from psychology to nutrition. Taken together, these courses generate over 60 FTE a semester in just one classroom. (By comparison, the 40-seat rooms in the same building typically generate about 20 FTE.)

Unfortunately, when students cannot hear the instructor because of the aged sound system or see video because the projection system is under-powered for the room, we lose students as they mentally check out or actually drop the course. The instructional support systems and the facility itself is so degraded after 30 years of use that 6304 is no longer an effective learning space for students, not only for the current courses, but also for those who hope to transfer to four-year institutions or enter the workforce with familiarity of current technology.
PROJECT ELEMENTS

This proposal seeks to renew the 6300 building and to create classrooms that provide students an optimum learning environment, like the picture of a classroom we could have.…

PROJECT COSTS

**DEFERRED MAINTENANCE:** 13,000

The College will work to remedy the problems related to water damage and deferred maintenance. In doing so, the College will assume responsibility for any outstanding roof work, wall repair and the replacement of the carpeting.

- Roofing repair $4,500
- Wall repair/paint $5,000
- Carpeting $3,500

**TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT:** 77,500

Complete renovation of the media presentation technology in 6304 will include: a new wide-screen, high-definition projection system; a new multi-speaker audio system supporting surround-sound content playback as well as voice reinforcement; and a touch screen to completely integrate control of all system components enabling simple, intuitive operation by the instructor.

- **Projection System:** approx. 9’x17’ screen, 1080 lines of resolution
- **Audio System:** 5.1 surround sound with special focus on voice reinforcement for the instructor
- **System Control:** single touch screen control panel for full system control for video source selection, volume levels, and playback transport control

**Media Sources:**
- Dedicated Personal Computer
- Document Camera
- DVD / Blu-ray
- VHS
- Guest Laptop hookup
- Microphone

**FURNISHINGS AND CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT** 70,062

Students will be able to remain comfortably seated for the entire class; they will be better able to focus on the class material and as such will learn more, participate more, and generally be better students and have an improved learning experience.

- Seating for 125 students for the Humanities Forum 34,062
- Instructional Podium/Technology Cabinet 3,000
- Desks (240) for the 6300 building’s six classrooms 36,000

**PROJECT TOTAL:** 160,562

Deferred Maintenance Funding 13,000
General Funds Requested, at maximum 73,781
Foundation Funds Requested, at minimum 73,781