Zoom Monitor Features and Suggested Use

Overview

Franklin OIT purchased and installed approximately 250 Zoom Monitors for use in Franklin College classrooms and instructional computer labs to support HyFlex and Hybrid instruction. This document outlines the Zoom Monitor's features, instructions for use with Zoom, and suggested use.

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Zoom Monitor Training Video

Below is a recording of one of the Zoom Monitor training sessions. Additional on-site training dates are published on our Overview of Available HyFlex and Hybrid Technologies page.

Click here to watch our pre-recorded Zoom Monitor Training presentation

Features

The monitors include built-in web cameras and microphones for use with Zoom, and they have touchscreens for annotating content.

- Built-in Camera and Microphone for Zoom
  - No personal/lavalier microphones are needed
  - Conferencing microphones will be added to select locations, including:
    - Rooms that had existing room amplification mics (to support room amplification and Zoom audio needs)
    - Locations where room size, acoustics, and/or instructional use case warranted additional support
- Touchscreen to help with annotation
  - No need to touch monitors with fingers; it works with any standard stylus
  - Palm rejection will be enabled to assist with annotations
  - Franklin OIT distributed a number of stylus pens to each department for faculty use, and we're testing styluses for precision drawing recommendations

Using Zoom Monitors with Zoom

We recommend launching Zoom from the instructor podium computer. Here are some reasons why:

- All equipment needed for Zoom is provided – computer, camera, mic, annotation software
- It's setup for use with existing room amplification systems
- You can share content from a laptop, tablet, personal device to instructor computer Zoom meeting by visiting https://share.zoom.us – just be sure to mute your device's microphone and speakers first!

Click here for more information on how to use Zoom.

Using Annotation Software

We recommend using the built-in Zoom's whiteboard and annotation features, but software built into common software applications and operating systems also provide excellent alternative options. The following is a list of recommended software and links to their how-to documentation:

- Zoom: "Whiteboard" and "Annotation" features
- Microsoft Office: "Draw" tab features
- Adobe Acrobat: "Annotations" features (under the Comments menu)
- Windows OS: "Windows Ink" features
- Mac OS: "Markup" features