

Overall impressions:

- I see benefits when there is no touch screen (giant ipad) on stand.
- Much better!
- It's great to have conversations about different ways of teaching so we can troubleshoot tech.
- I like this! I am excited and I want this now!
- Cost effective -leveraging current infrastructure to connect with future technology.
- Seems easy to use, but I feel like I need to actually teach in it to see how it all works together.
- I am a little confused how the whiteboard would work.
- Great! Very little set up and you know it will be there.

Features that you like:

- If I taught zoom, this would be great.
- Being able to attach touch screen pc or ipad - attach phone.
- Camera and microphone; USBC, HDMI & USB in podium.
- Ability to use podium features from a table while sitting with students.
- The microphone, multiple room cameras, doc camera, clarity on the screen, and less clutter on the podium.
- Ability to throw a document on the board and work from it.
- Area microphone sufficient sensitivity to pick up conversation throughout the room.
- I like it much better than the zoom cart. It is more reliable and I like being at the computer/podium due to my poor distance eyesight.
- Very user friendly! No wires!

Anything you need that was not available or presented?

- Would need an ipad or touch screen laptop.
- Add a toggle for the screen to go up as an option.
- I would like to hear audio from zoom.
- Classrooms with HVAC fans can be loud.
- Podiums that are in the corner are too far away from students.
- VR/AR portable tech.
- A CGCC supplied touch screen or laptop with a stylus would be awesome.
- Not sure yet.

To: Columbia Gorge Community College Board of Education

From: Information Technology Services

Date: TBD

Subject: Recommendation for Classroom Technology Upgrades - Bluum Quote

Dear Board Members,

This memo serves to recommend the approval of a significant expenditure for classroom technology upgrades, to be funded by the Title III grant. This initiative aims to enhance the student and instructor experience with hybrid instructional delivery across our campuses.

Following a thorough quote process, including initial requirements gathering, vendor solicitation, and detailed review of proposals from multiple vendors (Bluum and Diversified), the IT team formally recommends **Bluum** as the preferred vendor.

The primary rationale for selecting Bluum is their **cost-effectiveness**, offering the best value for the college's investment while providing a **comparable product and service** to other bids. We also have **confidence in their ability to execute** the project based on their eagerness and consistency with our pilot room evaluation. Given the urgency of the Title III grant timeline, moving forward swiftly is crucial.

The proposed project involves upgrading **10 classrooms** at an estimated cost of approximately **\$198,430** for equipment and installation support, plus an additional **\$20,000** for classroom PCs and related wiring. An initial approval of up to \$220,000 has been confirmed by the Title III administrators for purchases by September 30, 2025.

We request the Board's formal approval for this expenditure to proceed with the classroom technology upgrades.

Sincerely,

Andrew Burke

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