Lecture Theatre Redesign Project

Project Briefing - Engineering – held 27th April 2016

Summary of audience feedback

1. **Staff support and training** – acknowledged that staff training in relation to teaching collaboratively and making best use of the available technology is key to the success of the project. Briefing and training sessions are currently being planned by SDDU to facilitate this. Further information will be communicated shortly.

2. **Availability of specific software on room devices** – it is planned that both the lecturer PC and the devices installed within the student desks will have all of the software currently available on the IT cluster and Central Teaching Space image. It was noted that it would be preferable to provide specific software currently in use within Engineering in Mechanical LT B eg, CAD software. Agreed that we would endeavour to provide this software where possible.

3. **Digital Whiteboard** – all attendees were very positive in relation to the digital whiteboard provided for demonstration at the briefing. Agreed that the size of whiteboard provision should be 65” minimum for Mechanical LT B.

   It was agreed that a demonstration digital whiteboard would be provided as soon as possible for use throughout the summer break to allow users to familiarise themselves with the software.

Further comments as follows:

- Approval of height-adjustable and tilt adjustable screen/trolley although some concerns noted that the angle of the screen may cause backache when using the whiteboard for long periods
- Noted that it would be useful to provide Smart software on staff desk PC’s if possible
- Concern that the lecture capture system may struggle to capture annotation using a digital whiteboard. Agreed that this element would be fully tested as soon as possible
- Noted that it would be preferable if the digital whiteboard used a separate PC to the standard room PC in order to display an image of the digital whiteboard and room PC (Powerpoint) side by side. This is currently being explored by the AV contractor
- Suggested that it would be preferable if the PC running the digital whiteboard did not require a login for ease of use and reducing any delay before use. Explained this would mean that the full functionality of the digital whiteboard eg, use with Powerpoint, would be unavailable so this was unlikely to be adopted
- Noted it would be necessary to add screen controls to the lectern (currently at the back of the screen and potentially difficult to find)