E-Textbooks: Another Advance for OU Law's Digital Initiative

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COLLABORATIVE LEARNING CENTER

Officially open for business

The new Inasmuch Foundation Collaborative Learning Center was dedicated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 26 with OU Law alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students in attendance. The cutting-edge space in the main entrance to the Donald E. Pray Law Library is named in recognition of Inasmuch Foundation’s generous $1.5 million gift to create the center.

The center represents a transformation from traditional legal research and study to 21st-century skills development and collaboration. The space features two virtual reality stations; four new multimedia study rooms; a flipped seminar classroom; a fully equipped computer lab with dual-monitor stations; moveable whiteboard desks and stands; Brody WorkLounges; a “genius station” for research support; a café; and cooperative learning spaces for student collaboration.
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In the flipped seminar classroom, students and faculty can adapt the space to the most suitable learning environment. Movable desks, chairs and whiteboards provide flexible options for student collaboration and for how a professor conducts class.

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Four new state-of-the-art multimedia study rooms equipped with the latest technology accommodate collaborative study groups.

The Brody WorkLounge is the reimagined study carrel, providing a high-performance, one-stop workstation for students with comfortable seating and accessible electrical outlets.

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“BECAUSE OF INASMUCH FOUNDATION’S GENEROSITY, we now have this 21st-century space that serves as a critical element of our Digital Initiative.”

—OU COLLEGE OF LAW DEAN JOE HARROZ
Two virtual reality stations — loaded with interactive modules like simulated surgeries and detailed oil rig renderings — enable students to experience the law virtually and explore resources not previously available to law students.

OU President David L. Boren, Inasmuch Foundation Chairman and CEO Bill Ross and Dean Joe Harroz enjoy a private moment after the ceremony.

The heart of the Inasmuch CLC features a fully equipped computer lab with dual-monitor stations, large corner monitors and movable whiteboard stands, all suited for small or large group collaboration.

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