

**Subject: RE: Blackboards in Chem Lecture Halls**

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**From:** "Conte, Sam" <conte@registrar.pitt.edu>

**To:** "Joseph J. Grabowski" <joeg@pitt.edu>

Joe,

The classroom committee reviewed all of the concerns addressed in your earlier e-mail. The Facilities Management folks are working with the architect regarding the punchlist items (and including CIDDE in the discussions, where appropriate). They should be addressing any legitimate punchlist items this term. In regard to the chalkboards specifically, my understanding is that they are checking into the possibility of installing larger motors, to speed up the movement of the sections.

You may want to contact Rich Saliga or Mike Marsico in Facilities Management regarding the chalkboard issue (and the punchlist in general). If that doesn't work, get back to me and I will see what I can find out.

Sam

-----Original Message-----

From: Joseph J. Grabowski [<mailto:joeg+@pitt.edu>]

Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2002 10:15 AM

To: Conte, Sam

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Hi Sam:

I was wondering if you could fill me in on what is going to happen with respect to the chalkboards in the 3 newly renovated lecture halls in Chevron? Here is but one example of the concern...

> >*I regret that, due to a prior commitment, I shall not be able to attend*  
> >*Friday's faculty meeting at 4pm. I do not know your agenda for that*  
> >*meeting, but I hope that you will have time to discuss the state of the*  
> >*lecture rooms. I was very unhappy with the state of Room 12, as of the*  
> >*end of last term. I simply have not used the blackboards because of the*  
> >*creaky, slow motor control.*

Is there anything I or our Department can do, or anyone we can beat on, to get this problem resolved? The chalkboards are an integral part of Chemistry lecturing and so the existing boards are a real "thorn in the flesh". In general, I've been trying to work through our Facilities person here in Chemistry, Patty Patton, but she was never really part of the renovation project so she has not be able to get answers either.

Cheers,  
Joe G.

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They always say that time changes things, but you actually  
have to change them yourself.

-- Andy Warhol