The Challenge

- Despite well-meaning efforts, the campus had not been able to invest adequate resources to maintain and update classroom instructional equipment in recent years.
- There was a need to replace outdated and poorly functioning instructional equipment (projectors, lecterns, audio-visual control systems) in most Parnassus and Mission Bay classrooms.
- Most Parnassus classrooms also need new carpet, furniture, paint and lighting.

The Initiative

- Jointly sponsored by Student Academic Affairs (SAA) and Capital Programs and Facilities Management (CPFM) in Spring 2007, with enthusiastic guidance from students, faculty and staff.
- Aligned with Strategic Plan, which calls for “developing educational facilities and infrastructure commensurate with UCSF’s stature in health sciences education.
- $1 million in one-time funds has been approved by the Chancellor. $250,000 was “advanced” to begin work in Summer 2007.
- The equipment component is well underway. New equipment (projectors, monitors, control systems) has been installed in 30 classrooms at Parnassus and Mission Bay.
- The environmental component will upgrade carpets, paint, furniture and lighting in 40 Parnassus classrooms. A working group has refined the needs assessment and is confirming scope and cost with contractors. Contract work is being scheduled around school breaks, to begin as early as December.
- Fixed seating and carpets have been cleaned, blackboards repaired and lighting installed.
- This initiative is complemented by the new project spearheaded by OAAIS to install a robust wireless system for the classrooms by Summer 2008.

Next Steps

- SAA and CPFM will host a Town Hall discussion about progress in implementing initiative and classroom needs in early 2008.
- Scheduled completion of work by end of Summer 2008.
- Developing plan to provide permanent funding to support classrooms in 2008-09 and beyond.