

# PROPOSITION

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As a **New York City College of Technology** student, and soon to become professional on the field of graphic design, with advertising as the main focus, I've learned that projects and achieving success both in school and our professional lives come down to two key factors: "time management" and reaching "full productivity" during the time designated to fulfill these tasks. However, it's ironic to think that the very same school that has provided me with the education needed and these two principles that have enhanced my career is yet to fully implement them. Principles that would allow the school to offer a better service to students which already have a lot of potential and just lacks resources in certain instances.

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## Problem:

- Students constantly encounter trouble finding spaces to work in, either in groups or individually. Spaces that would allow them to achieve projects deadlines and make full use of their time and school installations.

## SOLUTION

To suggest new, improve and bigger infrastructure for students to have a more comforting and better suiting place to work in, would be both naive and unrealistic to even consider. Constrictions in money and manpower would make this task impossible. Nevertheless, utilizing the equipment and space the college already provides, and achieving maximum efficiency of city tech (New York City College of Technology) employees and usage of the software and hardware already owned by the school is both fundamental and crucial in order to fully reach student's untapped potential.

Among the many resources that city tech has within their reach are a lot of empty spaces such as classrooms not being utilized in extended periods of times when classes don't meet at said facilities. I believe that providing students with schedules in which times and room numbers are listed in as "free" would solve the scarcity of space in school, specifically in the Namn building. Providing said schedules that would be hung around the school for students to check out in case they are in need of a peaceful space to complete group or individual assignments, would make city tech's environment much more suitable to what a college experience should feel like. Opportunities for further advancements in this

issue could also be available in the near future by implementing these changes in digital form. Students would be able to file for a room service via mobile or the college website. With the introduction of the digital era into a technology college, the system or faculty members could update students as to what rooms are available through information display systems that would be hung on each floor (or the most important floors) like they are done in airports. Said monitors would not only be used for the specific service that I am advocating for, but it could also be used as a medium to reach students with important information such as: schedules changes, website changes or even advertise student clubs.

## Problem:

- Students constantly encounter a shortage of equipment, hardware and software that would allow them to reach their educational goals during days in which student traffic is at its peak ( Monday - Thursday between 11:00 Am - 4:00 Pm) reinforcing the idea that the lack of equipment comes from a lack of organization within the school.

## SOLUTION

The employment of city tech equipment and manpower is far from being utilized properly. During many instances of the day, students have to wait in line in order to use computers, computers with access to the internet and access to macs for design students. With a grand total of two student labs in the entire Namn building, the task of offering all students in the facility with the software needed is near impossible if the implementation of all available personnel and tools' is done so in a poor

manner. On the 11th floor alone are 7 classrooms equipped with macs, and even some offer accessibility to scanning and printing if required by the students. However, said classrooms are locked by id bands that can only be unlocked by faculty members or security guards to avoid reckless behavior from members of the school to damage the equipment or for any device to be stolen; all which is done in the best interest of protecting city tech patrimony and applauded by the rest of us that only look for said tools to enhance our educational and professional careers.

Nonetheless, in order to take full advantage of the macs available on the 11th floor alone, and solve the overbooking and extra manpower used in student labs in which employees don't have much to do since so many of the personnel is being directed to help at such labs already, better utilization of them is required. Instructing them as well as assigning them a room in which students would have to sign in as a method of precaution, the school would be making full use of both software and hardware tools, as well as employees.

Nonetheless, graphic design students are not the only ones being affected by this issue. Architecture students as well as other majors could be boosted to a higher academic standards as well. Implementation of these changes will not only improve the environment in the college, but will also provide students with resources that would allow us to be better prepared, qualified and raise the academic standard and excellence of the college. **Better students mean better school** and hence better academic rewards that would enable city tech to keep improving at a faster pace.