

Case History

Michigan State University

Wells Hall and McDonel Hall

East Lansing, Michigan



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Overview and Challenges

Advancing the common good in uncommon ways is an element of Michigan State University's goal. MSU boasts of being one of the top research universities in the world on one of the biggest, greenest campuses in the country.

The university transitioned existing, outdated buildings (Wells Hall and McDonel Hall) into centerpieces of collaboration and evolving learning approaches.

"We wanted to provide instructional environments that support a wide variety of courses and evolving pedagogies, as well as supporting collaboration and the ability to move quickly from a traditional lecture format to group/team work," explains Barb Kranz, Director, Facilities Planning and Space Management, MSU. "This facilitates student engagement in the teaching and learning process."



Solutions and Spaces

Gone are the conventional rows of static desks. The Wells Hall classrooms now feature mobile, adjustable Learn2 seating that accommodates collaboration and classroom flexibility.

"It was a challenge to find a suitable seating product that offered all the flexibility to meet our square footage limitations and capacity needs," says Kranz. "We wanted a modern look and feel, comfort, and versatility for individuals, groups, presentation/lecture and team work. It also needed to be easy-to-maintain and cost effective."

"Prior to the introduction of the KI Learn2 ... there were limited options," Kranz says.



Itoki DP™ Chairs, Rado™ Tables

Throughout Wells Hall, social spaces showcase style and comfort with Sela seating in lounges and impromptu casual areas, as well as Itoki DP chairs in the café.

In McDonel Hall, media sharing and technology integration is supported by KI's Backbone media platform. Collaboration is optimized and flexibility is enhanced.



Sela® Lounge Chairs and Table



Backbone® Media Platform, Torsion Air® Task Chairs

Knowledge and Expertise

"The faculty and students responded positively," says Kranz. "Once people understand the quickness with which the furniture can be moved around they self-organize to meet the needs of the course."

Throughout the project, MSU worked with KI to explore possible options, adjustments, and modifications and to develop the most beneficial furnishing solution.

Kranz adds, "The service has been excellent; from product selection, ordering, delivery and set-up and then follow-up on the product."

Product List

Classroom

- Learn2 Seating

Technology Classroom

- Backbone Media Platform
- Torsion Air Task Chairs

Lounge and Breakout Areas

- Sela Lounge Seating
- Lyra Lounge Seating

Café

- Itoki DP Chairs
- Rado Tables

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