



Zoom Pods on Campus

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The Problem

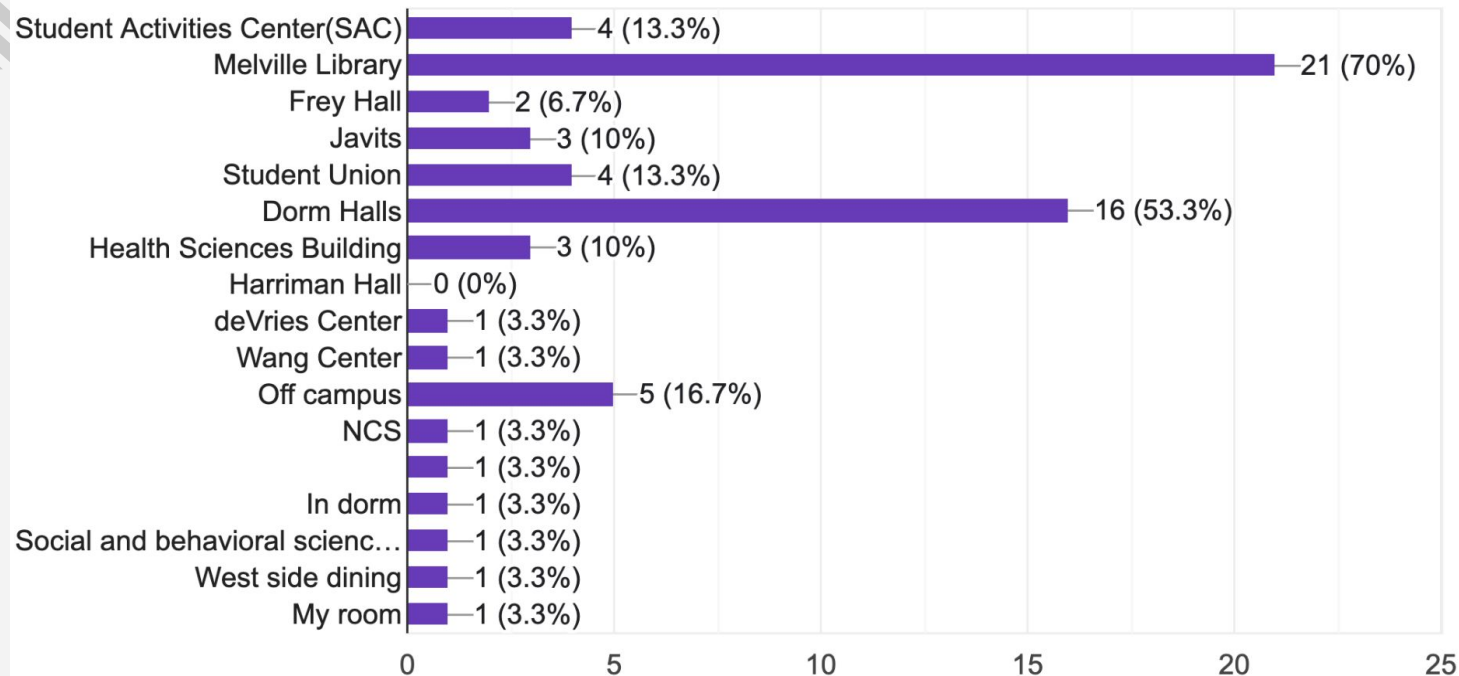
- **High Demand for Zoom Pods** : With only two Zoom pods currently available, students often struggle to find private spaces for virtual meetings, especially those balancing classes with remote work or internships.
- **Inconvenient Location of Existing Pods** : One of the two available Zoom pods is located at the Health Science Library, far from the main campus area, making it impractical for students who need a quick, accessible meeting space between classes.
- **Impact on Professional and Academic Commitments** : The limited access to Zoom pods has led to scheduling conflicts and even delays in joining meetings, which can affect students' professional reputations and academic productivity.



Preliminary Research: Form Results

Where do you study/attend online meetings on campus?

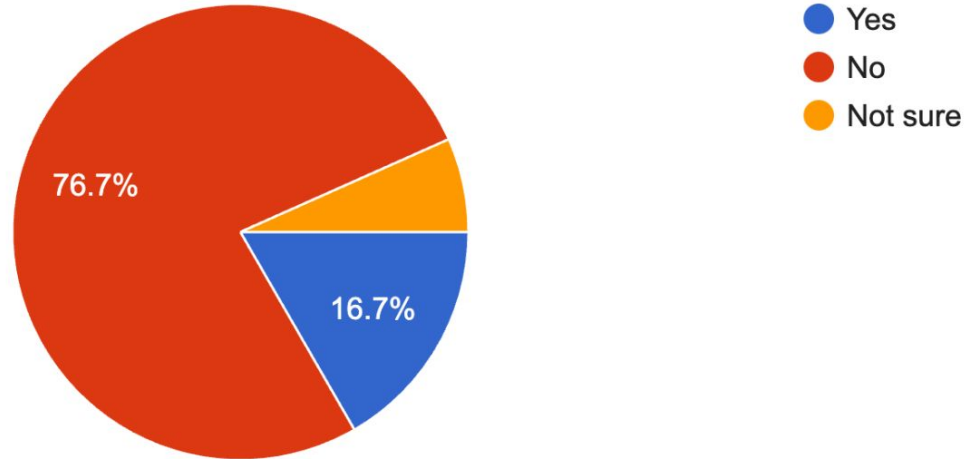
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Form Results cont.

Do you think there are enough quiet pods/spaces on campus?

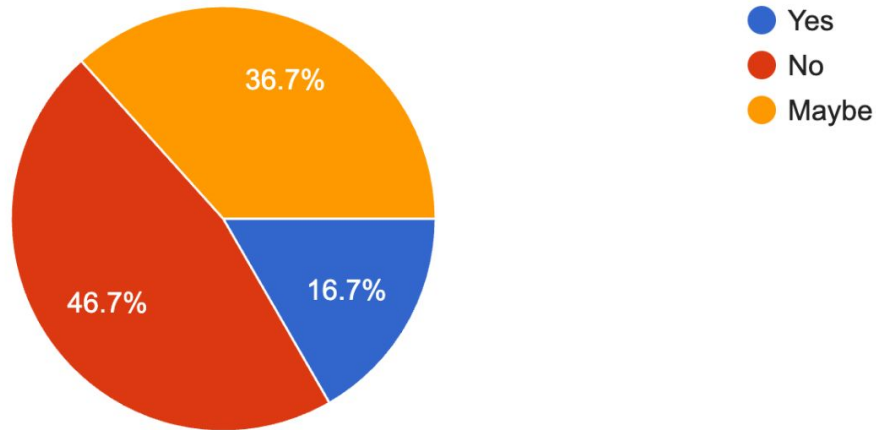
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If you want to have a zoom meeting in a quiet place, is it possible to do so easily on campus locations?

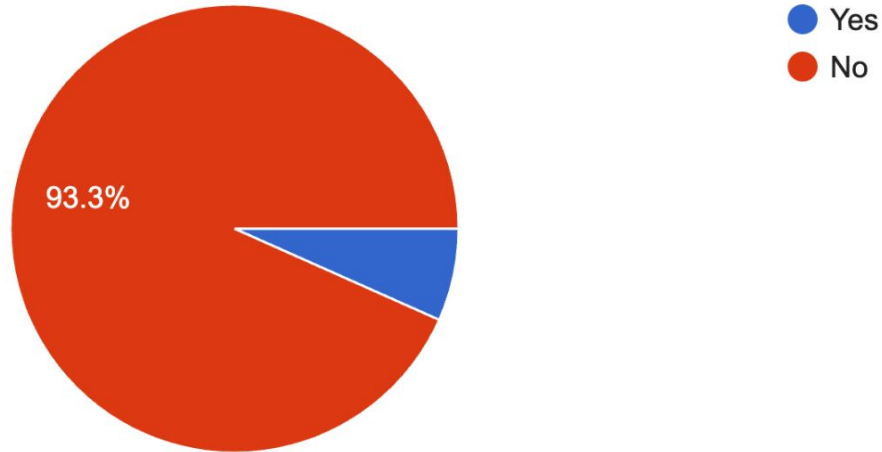
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Have you ever used the zoom pods (quiet pods) in the Union or Health Sciences Building?

30 responses



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go-with-the-beau Grad Student ...

Is there anywhere I can go to do a zoom call on campus that's quiet/ has privacy?

I'm a commuter and don't have a dorm, and I have a call today and need somewhere to go for it... thanks!

https://www.reddit.com/r/SBU/comments/pky7ln/is_there_anywhere_i_can_go_to_do_a_zoom_call_on/

https://www.reddit.com/r/SBU/comments/x0u50g/places_you_can_talk_on_a_zoom_call/

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places you can talk on a zoom call?

i would typically do a zoom call in the library but i dont want to be loud, and for this specific class i have to speak and give speeches. i am also a commuter so i don't have a dorm, any suggestions?


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veronicatandy English

Where's a good place on campus for a zoom class?

I'm coming back for my MAT (yay!) and I have an online zoom class that ends right before an in person class. anyone know of a good spot (preferably in the library) to sit and take my online class that won't be distracting to myself and others?

https://www.reddit.com/r/SBU/comments/163o99e/wheres_a_good_place_on_campus_for_a_zoom_class/

https://www.reddit.com/r/SBU/comments/170mrjh/zoom_pods/

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dimsumlasagna Alumni ...

Zoom pods

Why is there only 1 zoom pod in the Union basement? I looked it up online and they made it seem like they have at least a few but there's only 1 in the whole damn building and I have no way of booking or seeing whenever someone's time is up in there

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Places to Zoom Class

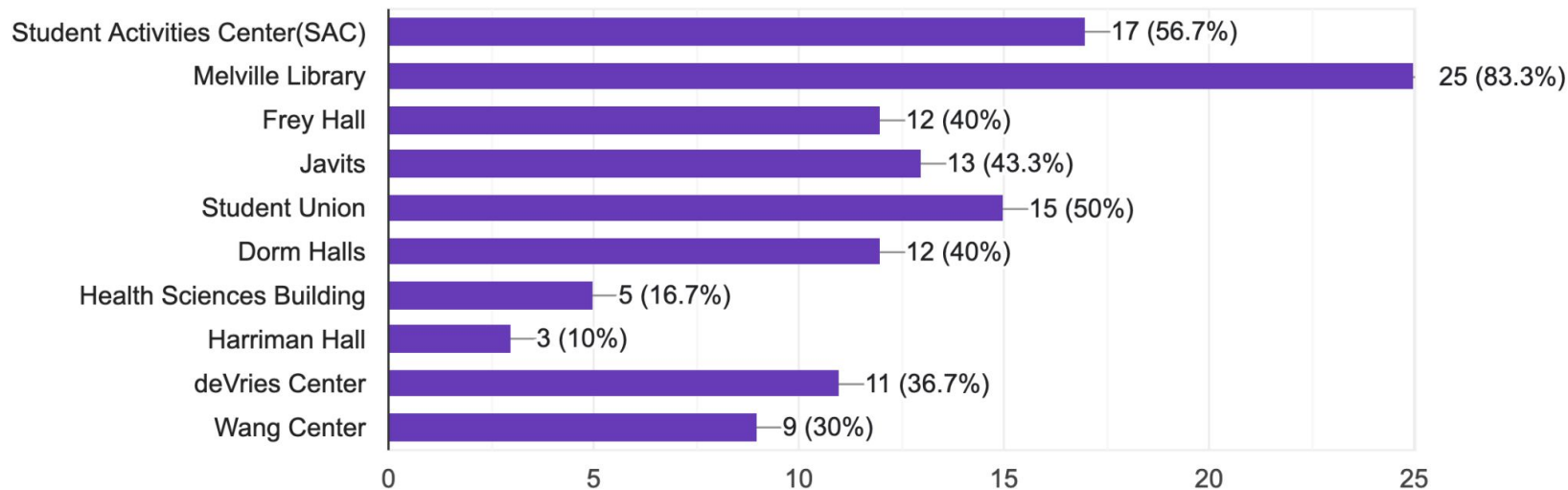
Places to take an online class that are quiet enough to focus but not so strictly quiet you can't speak? I don't want to keep taking class in my dorm lol.

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If new quiet pods were to be introduced, where should they be placed?

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List of Additional Quiet Pod Locations from Form Results (17 Pods)

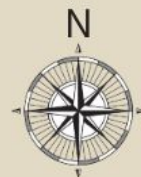
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+ **Total: 17**

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Campus Map



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Change Agents (Audience)



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Division of Student Affairs

How Scheduling A Zoom Pod Works

LOCATIONS

You can find these pods in the following locations:

Student Union Basement

Health Science Center Galleria, Third Floor

Schedule Today:

Schedule a SB Union Zoom Pod

Schedule a HSC Galleria Zoom Pod

< November 2024

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Thursday, November 14

TIME ZONE: EASTERN TIME (GMT-05:00)

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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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Benefits and Feasibility

Increased student satisfaction

Increased student productivity

Increased transparency of university spending

Students can participate in more opportunities during the academic semesters (e.g. virtual internships)

This is feasible since two Zoom pods have already been added on campus.

Potential Results

- Adding Zoom Pods demonstrates the university's commitment to student wellbeing, benefiting the Admissions Department in advertising to prospective students
- The additional resource would also give the Admissions Department more highlights to share about the university

Potential Results

- Students may stay on campus longer since they no longer need to leave early and find spaces off campus to have online meetings, adding more vibrancy to student life. The Student Engagement and Activities (SEA) Department would have more attendees at events.

Costs

- A single zoom pod costs between \$3,500 - \$5,250, depending on the quantity purchased.
 - $17 \times \$3,500 = \$59,500$
 - $17 \times \$5,250 = \$89,250$



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Costs

- Consulting services with a professional on floor planning costs around \$35 hourly.
- Updates to the Zoom Pod Reservation website.
- Total Estimated Cost: Around \$62,000.

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Zoom Pods

SIGN UP TODAY!

We are glad to make our first pair of Zoom Pods available to students. These pods offer private and comfortable areas for students to conduct personal video and phone calls without interruptions. You can reserve these spaces using the scheduler below.

LOCATIONS

You can find these pods in the following locations:

[Student Union Basement](#)

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When to Use Zoom Pods:

- Pods are quiet booths intended for video or phone calls that need more privacy.
- Make telehealth or other personal calls.
- Have virtual advisor meetings.
- Record audio or video class projects.

We're so glad you are interested in Zoom pods! Please use the scheduler below to reserve your time.

Date & Time

APPOINTMENT

Stony Brook Union Zoom Pod with CAPS - Stony Brook Union Zoom Pod
1 hour

Located in the basement of the Stony Brook Union across from the elevator

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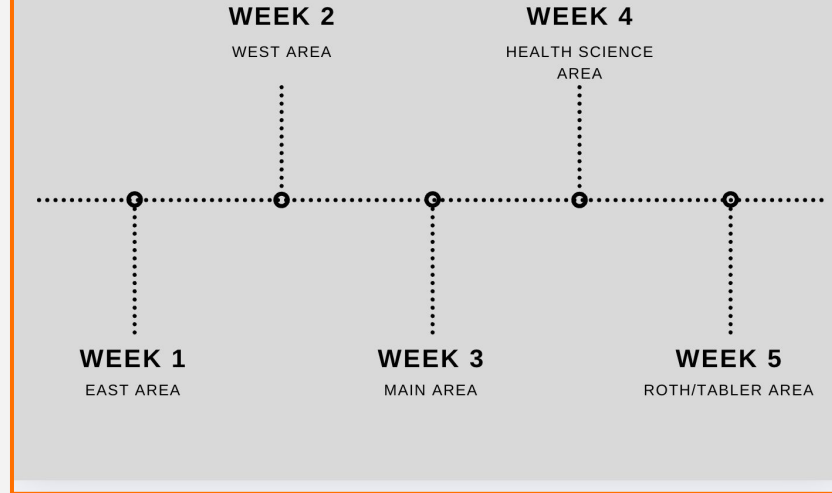
Schedule/Completion Date

- Realistically, as with many other changes to student life, the addition of these Zoom pods will happen over the summer.
- Planning, paperwork, coordination, and other logistics will happen during the Spring semester before rollout.
- The two existing zoom pods are managed by the Student Health Services, so they will be the first point of contact to initiate the plan.

Schedule/Completion Date

- One Zoom pod will be placed in each of the main buildings and some student dormitory common areas, with two pods being placed in higher traffic areas (SAC, Melville Library, and Hospital).
- Zoom pods can be rolled out by campus region, taking about a week each. Assembly should not be difficult, as the pods will likely be arriving mostly pre-assembled.
- Update the booking platform

Rollout Schedule



- **East:** Wang Center, O'Neil Common Area, Bauman Center, Chapin
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Conclusion and Call to Action

- Despite the large student population, there are only a few Zoom pods available
- We strongly recommend the university to purchase additional Zoom pods spread throughout campus to support the needs of students
 - Material Cost: ~\$60,000 for an additional 17 pods
 - Time Cost: 5 weeks

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