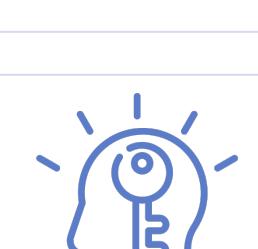


Improving the Process of Teaching in the Loft

I. CLIENT

The Academy for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

-  Provides entrepreneurial programs for 35,000+ students
-  Promotes design thinking and lean startup
-  Fosters creative problem solving

II. BACKGROUND

THE LOFT

- Classroom **studio incubator** for all types of innovation classes
- Used for **immersive experiential learning** experiences
- Fosters rapid **learning by doing** and new levels of creativity

III. OPPORTUNITY

Goal: Expand experiential learning opportunities for all students on campus

Encourage more faculty members to use the Loft for classes

Make sure that people who use the Loft are taking full advantage of the unique environment

APPROACH

III. IDEATE

- Brainstormed what tools stakeholders would find helpful
- Iterated ideas through continuous stakeholder feedback



Make Space book to brainstorm potential layouts

FINDINGS

Academy Staff

- Have a specific vision in mind for Loft's usage
- Respect freedom of known colleagues use
- Are hesitant to market it too much

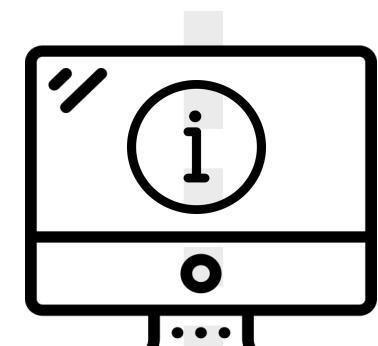
UMD Faculty

- Want to use the Loft
- Don't know how to take full advantage of it
- Understand that their students can be more engaged

RECOMMENDATIONS

Accessible Loft Resource

Page accessible to anyone who wants to know more about the mission of the Loft specifically and contains resources associated with sign up



Faculty member is interested in using the Loft for a specific lesson

Visit The Academy website

Fill out The Loft Appointment Creator Survey

Schedule request email automatically sent to Brooke

Does the requestee have experience in The Loft?

The Academy staff and requestee schedule 10-15 minute orientation session

The Academy reviews appointment request and confirms available dates/times

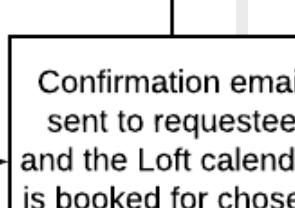
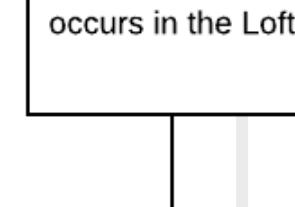
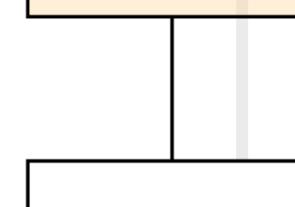
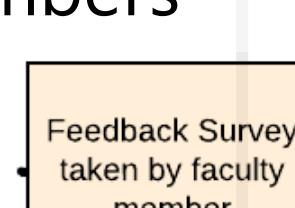
Confirmation email sent to requestee and the Loft calendar is booked for chosen dates/times

Does proposed class activity follow the goal of the Loft?

Faculty member makes suggested edits to lesson plan

Streamlined Request Process

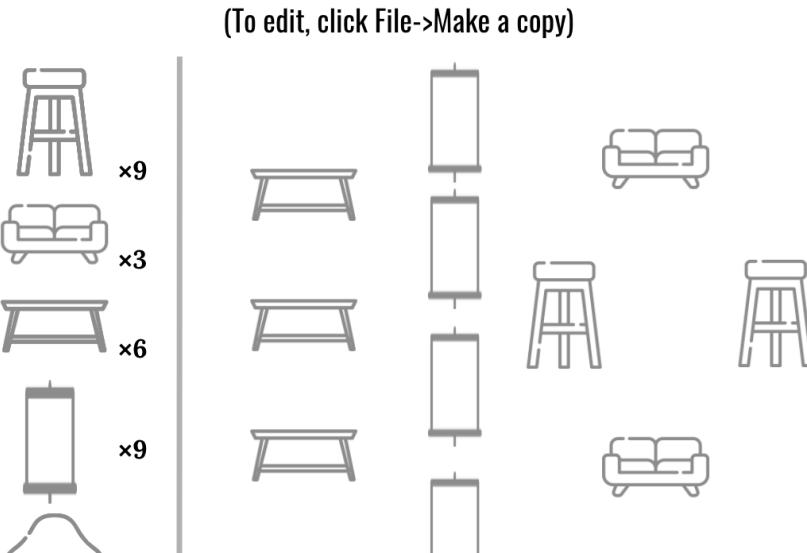
Adds feedback loop and orientation for new faculty members



Loft Layout QuickStart Guide

Decision tree to recommend layouts specific to teacher's lesson goals to fully utilize the Loft

Click and Drag the Furniture to Design your Classroom
(To edit, click File->Make a copy)



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