Kubi
Innovation Grant Project

The Challenge
How might we help students attend class when they can’t be on campus?

The majority of CU Boulder courses are designed to leverage the rich, face-to-face class environment for student learning, but what happens to students who are unable to be physically present in the classroom due to extenuating circumstances?

An Early Success
In Spring 2016, OIT’s Academic Technology Design Team tested a new technology called Kubi to help Ron, a remote student, attend and actively participate in a face-to-face Italian class.

The Kubi met Ron’s needs, and the face-to-face students were able to maintain focus in class.

Read the project write-up: http://bit.ly/ItalianKubi

Spring 2017 Kubi Pilot
OIT, Advising, and Athletics are partnering on a pilot to further explore how this technology could connect remote students to CU’s academics. Populations we hope to benefit include:

• Students who are unable to be on campus for medical reasons but want to continue their studies.
• Student athletes who are away from campus for competition.
• Students who are near degree completion but had to move away from the Boulder area.

A Kubi is particularly effective as a distance learning solution for smaller, face-to-face classes because it enables the remote student to actively participate. We are currently using this technology in classrooms that are not equipped with video-conferencing software as well as courses without an equivalent online option.

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