1. At first glance, the box in the hallways look like the other maintenance/fuse boxes. It is not until you read the little label at the bottom when you realize that it has the fire extinguisher inside. Almost all the fire extinguishers that I see in hallways are painted all read. Many times, there will be a window on the door to show that there is a fire extinguisher inside. What happens if there is not one inside? No one will know unless it is open. Do people regularly go around checking? In the case of emergency, will someone find it? They are probably looking for the typical red box not the little white label with the red words.

2. The whiteboard is placed in an awkward position. The column is obviously blocking the students sight line. No matter where the professor writes, the column will be blocking someone’s view. Also in relation to the desk, the professor needs to walk around her desk to use it. When installing the whiteboard, how was it intended to be used? Was it just installed to be used or to say that there is more the whiteboard in the room?
3. The sign indicates that Rooms 2126, 2128, 2130, 2132, 2134 are to the right. However, to the right of the sign is the end of the hallway with large windows to the outside. The sign should have an arrow pointing up to indicate that the rooms are directly ahead in the mini hallway.
Confusing Switches.

4. When enter the room, there are no light switches insight. Subconsciously when coming into the room, the lights are flicked by the switches adjacent to the door. Instead, they are tucked around the cornering of the wall and are not visible upon entry. One needs to come fully in the room to turn on the light.

This is an image from inside the room.

5. These switches are dimmers for the pot lights. The switches are tucked into the corner of a different wall from the main lights. There is no label indicating what they are for. Are they more switches for controlling the shades and screens? Also, the switch on the left controls the one pot light above the other side of the table. The right dimmer is for the other pot lights.

6. Although they probably came back to labeled the controls, the shade controls still lack information on how the buttons work. Which button raises/lowers/ stops the shades from moving? Is it the same as the screen controls? The buttons look different. Does each button control each individual shade?
Confusing Displays.

7. First of all, there is no sign indicating what this box is. It is not until you walk up to the display, when one realizes it is a directory. This display is best for the first time or lost user to the building. If there was sign above, a lost person can easily spot it and use it for help.

8. When trying to use it, I pressed the “Other Features” button and the screen became white. I stood there just waiting for something to happen. I tapped on the screen several times. The pointer was following my finger, but nothing was happening. There was no restart button in sight. It appeared there was no way to recover the original screen. After several more minutes with the screen still white, I ended up walking away feeling guilty and dissatisfied that it was not working.

9. Throughout the building thermostats are placed in classrooms, and in hallways. However, are these thermostats for people to use? How do you use it? Pressing the up and down arrow buttons does nothing. Usually, changing the temperature of a large HVAC system can be harmful for the equipment.
Laptops are becoming more popular to carry around. Still, the world is still wired. People need to plug in their computers somewhere. Where does one plug in? The holes on the tables indicate that there are probably outlets on the floor under the table. If a person is in a meeting, does she want to crawl on the floor in her nice clothing?

The other option is the outlets around the room to use. However, this means that there will be wires running along the floor for people to trip on.

The last option is the outlets built on the side of the table. However, it is not visible because of the table lips cover the sight line. It is probably not noticed unless the person decides to venture under the table to plug in.
Using Incorrectly

11. Soap dispensers never seem to work right. They always seem like they are making a mess. Soap sometimes keep dripping after it has dispense soap or it misses the hands. For this dispenser, what happens to the soap if it misses the hand? The soap just drips on the floor. If water spills over the sink, it can lead to a slippery mess.