Instructions for the In-Class Mobile Camera Operator

Your job as In-Class Mobile Camera Operator is to provide visuals of our classroom so that Remote Members on Zoom can see what is happening in the classroom. You follow the In-Class action and provide closeups for Remote Members.

You can use DJ's phone. The battery will be fully charged before the Zoom session, and the phone will be logged in to Zoom as "Zoom Camera".

You should be able to see your camera's output on the Projection Screen, at least when the cart computer is projecting Zoom. Use that image to help you determine what you can do to improve that image. What you see on the phone is not what the remote members will see.

Before the Class Leader calls the class to order, roam around the snack area so people "at home" can see who is there. When class starts, move close to the Class Leader for Announcements, etc. On one side of the Computer Cart is a good place, so that you don't block the view of the Projection Screen.

In general, if there is something changing or moving or someone in the room is talking, try to cover that. If nothing is changing or moving, hold the camera still or put on tripod. You don't have to use the tripod. Do what is easy for you.

The camera should be moved slowly and as smoothly as possible, avoiding jerks or snap moves. You want to provide timely updates around the classroom. Avoid being totally stationary for long periods. But any movement should be slow, and you should be stationary when providing a closeup of a speaker.

When there is no "action", movement or someone speaking, do a pan of the classroom. Closeups seem advisable to have a recognizable image rather than projecting a tiny image. Check the projection screen to see what Remote Members see.