

Central Student Technology Committee (CSTC)

Meeting: Wednesday October 12, 2005

Location: Union 203

Attendees: Maggie Deming, Jesse Ballard, Grayson Baird, Christy Boggs, Tami Browning, Glen Cox, Jack Hatfield, Cheryl Hilman, Ken Smith, Tim Kearley, Warrie Means, Paul Medina, Erin Mills, Graham Mitchell, Robert Morrison

1. Introductions

Introductions were made by all the committee members present.

2. Introductory Packet

Maggie explained that the introduction packet included the Operating Guidelines, a list of responsible colleges/departments and labs, and the CSTC 3 year computer rotation. Maggie also explained the function of the CSTC in comparison of the college committees. Maggie stated electronic copies of the intro packets would be sent to all committee members.

3. CSTC Budget Overview

Maggie explained that several items have already been approved and other items are ear-marked leaving the committee with around 100K – 150K . The funds available are to be used for both Central needs considerations and for the Call for Proposals.

4. Budget Item - PC Cillin actual cost

Maggie explained there was confusion last year when the CSTC committed to the funding of PC-Cillin. She originally stated the renewal cost would be 6K, when the bill arrived it was actually 20K. Because a decision needed to be made Maggie explained she authorized the 14K increase.

There was discussion on how many students were using the software. Bob Morrison explained that in the future on campus users will be required to have anti-virus installed and up to date in order to access the network.

Maggie asked the committee to consider authorizing the funds to continue to support PC Cillin for 2006 – 2007.

Tim Kearley moved to approve the funding of 20K for the purchase of PC Cillin for 2006 – 2007.

Christy Boggs Seconded

Discussion took place regarding the renewal timeline. Maggie stated she would start the bid process in late April or May to let the committee know of any change in the cost. The committee requested that she try and get the renewal to be in October when the new version is released vs. the current July time frame.

Approved: all
Opposed: none
Abstain: none

5. Distribution of the CSTC Call for Proposal responses

Maggie asked the committee members to review the proposals and be ready to discuss them at the next CSTC meeting.

Maggie explained the AS college Chair was late in forwarding them on to her. She explained that the authors of the proposals submitted them within the time frame provided, that the Chair missed sending them by the Oct. 5 deadline, and the Chair feels the students and authors should not be “punished” for his oversight. She stated it is up to the Committee to decide whether to accept the proposals even if they are late.

6. Info Tech – TSS – System update

In Spring 2005 the CSTC funded $\frac{3}{4}$ of a full-time position for Information Technology PC Team. The position has been filled and has been working since August. Bob explained that it takes a while for the person to get up to full speed.

There is a request for maintenance funding, but it will be brought forward in November.

The PC Team is actively looking at products for the remote desktop farm. They do expect to spend the full 40K approved for development to setup a pilot system. If successful, whatever is purchased will be rolled into a production environment.

Bob explained there are currently problems backing up all of the files on Arthur. The problem is caused by the number of files being backed up, most of which are very small (over 9 million currently). The need to change the backup solution may increase the needed funds for the Arthur replacement.

Bob will bring more detailed information and cost estimates to the CSTC meeting in mid-November.

Maggie adjourned the meeting at 3:05 pm