

Central Student Technology Committee (CSTC)
Meeting: Monday, November 21, 2005
Location: Union 203

Attendees: Maggie Deming, Jesse Ballard, Robert Morrison, Christy Boggs, Tami Browning, Luc Carr, Glen Cox, Jack Hatfield, Cheryl Hilman, Tim Kearley, Warrie Means, Ken Smith, Renee Tihen

1. Introductions

Introductions by all the committee members present were made.

2. Science Library Printer

Maggie explained that the cost of the Science Library printer was greater than originally estimated. The reason for the increase was the addition of a duplex unit. The increased cost is \$237.

Jack Hatfield moved to approve the additional \$237
Tim Kearley seconded the motion

Approved: all
Opposed: none
Abstain: none

3. Remote Desktop Lab update

Maggie explained that last week the \$200,000 for the full development of the desktop farm was released back to the committee.

Bob Morrison resumed the explanation regarding the remote desktop farm. Bob explained that new technologies might become available that alters how the remote desktop farm may be provided.

Jack had a question regarding the position that was funded by the committee and if the personnel resources are working on this solution now. Bob explained that the position the committee is $\frac{3}{4}$ funding was hired in August and is working with the other members of the PC Team on finding a solution.

Cheryl explained that in Engineering they are pursuing their remote desktop solution to get something out to their students. If a better solution is found down the road they can re-allocate the equipment to some other use.

Cheryl expressed that research on the short-term solution would contribute to overall knowledge of a long term solution. In Engineering they gained a significant amount of experience looking at all the solutions available.

Glen Cox expressed that from a student standpoint it is an essential tool. The amount of software being used makes it a requirement to be able to access the lab system.

Luc Carr moved to keep the \$45,000 allocated for the proof of concept with small form factor desktop lab nodes

Renee Tihen seconded the motion

Favor - all but one

Opposed- Jack Hatfield

Abstain- none

4. Event Log Monitoring software

Bob explained that lab nodes record the event situations locally on all nodes. The Telecommunications and Systems Support PC Team would like to purchase a software package that would allow all of the nodes to be polled in order to examine all of the event logs.

Christy Boggs moved to approve \$5000 for the cost of event log monitoring software

Tami Browning seconded

Favor – all

Opposed – none

Abstain - all

5. Replacement laptops for Coe Library checkout

Maggie explained that the CSTC placed 15 laptops for checkout in Coe library in the spring of 2005 as a test to see if such a service would be utilized by the students. Usage reports show that the program is successful with a maximum of 9 laptops checked out at one time and over 1100 checkouts since the program began.

Jesse explained that if new laptops were purchased they would be able to offer more software programs, such as Maple, SPSS and SAS.

Tim Kearley moved to approve \$25,200 for the purchase of 15 new laptops for the checkout program in Coe Library

Cheryl Hilman seconded the motion

Approved: all

Opposed: none

Abstain: none

6. Other central projects for funding consideration

Maggie explained that IT has identified several central projects that may be funded by the CSTC.

Place CAT 6 wiring in all of the CSTC controlled labs and connect them to gigabit switches. Committee provided voice approval to proceed with examining the feasibility and costs.

Look at Web Cameras for security in CSTC controlled labs, while also providing back-end equipment that would allow for other committees to purchase cameras to utilize the system. Jesse explained that there is an increase in the amount of equipment being stolen from labs across campus. The committee provided voice approval to proceed with examining the feasibility and costs.

Maggie adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm