

Central Student Technology Committee (CSTC)
Meeting: Friday, February 16, 2007
Location: Union 002

Attendees: Maggie Deming, Jesse Ballard, Greg Brown, Charles Christensen, Marcus Curley, Erin Mills, John Nutter, Dee Pridgen, Mark Sunderman, Mackenzie Williams and Cheryl Hilman

1. Introductions

2. EN2108/2111 Move to CR Building

English professor Colin Keeney addressed the CSTC and explained why the EN2111 lab needed to move from EN over to the CR building.

Colin shared with the committee a memo from Gus Plumb to President Buchanan requesting to take over the space that EN2111 and 2108 currently occupy. Colin is in turn requesting permission of the CSTC to move all items from EN2111 to CR 225 and move EN2108 to CR 221.

Maggie informed the CSTC that wiring in CR is CAT 6 so there is no reduction of performance of the network.

Charles Christensen questioned whether EN could reimburse the committee for the cost of the network upgrades funded by the CSTC. Discussion took place on whether reimbursement could come from any location.

Maggie requested verification the new location would support all the furniture and components currently located in EN2111/2108. Colin verified that the new location would support all components from EN2111

Scott Johnson indicated that the CR remodel funding will provide the new projectors.

Maggie indicated that she will speak with Rollin Abernethy or work out a deal with the TSS Network to see if the administration would be willing to reimburse the CSTC for CAT6 upgrades performed in EN 2111.

The committee provided voice approval of the move.

The committee brought up several items not on the Agenda

Instructional Technology

Mark Sunderman informed the committee that the administration is looking for funds for instructional funding. One source they are considering is the CSTC and

College fees. Charles Christensen recommended that ASUW is notified of the possible change to get a student voice involved.

Jesse recommended that the CSTC may want to proactively address the situation by possibly modifying the operating guidelines to allow proposals for instructional technology.

Maggie requested the formation of a committee to notify admin of their position on instructional technology. Members will be: Maggie Deming, Jesse Ballard, Charles Christensen, Mark Sunderman and Graham Mitchell

Office 2007 compatibility pack

Charles Christensen voiced concern that the Office 2007 compatibility pack is not currently loaded on the lab system. Maggie informed the committee that IT was working on a way to push out the compatibility pack to all lab nodes and expected the pack to be installed by the end of February.

Duplex printing issues

Charles Christensen wanted to know if it was possible to lower the price of duplex printing in order to encourage students to use the duplex printing option more. Jesse responded that they were already looking into that issue as part of the campus sustainability report. Jesse said he would try and gather the needed info and present it to the CSTC later this spring. One possibility would be to reduce the cost of duplex printing from 5 cents per side (10 cents total) to 7 cents per duplexed page.

Charles also asked about making duplex printing the default on the printers. Jesse indicated that other institutions that implemented duplex printing as default have encountered a number of problems. The largest problem is the wear and tear it places on printers, which increases potential down time and repair costs.

3. LabStats Maintenance

Maggie explained that our current LabStats maintenance agreement expires in May 2007 and the requested funds would extend the maintenance until May 4, 2008.

Jesse explained that LabStats is currently up and running and he is working on configuring the lab maps to display real-time usage of computers. Jesse stated that he will send the URL to the committee members so they can see the product.

Charles Christensen moved to approve \$1066 for the LabStats maintenance
Graham Mitchell seconded the motion

Approved: all
Opposed: none
Abstain: none

With only a few minutes left in the meeting Jesse brought up a question that was not on the agenda for consideration by the committee.

Jesse commented that several programs have recently been installed on the lab system but students may not know about them because they are placed in the start menu and not on the student's desktop. Jesse wanted feedback from the committee regarding their feelings on placing icons on the desktop for newly installed programs. The committee responded favorably to the request and Jesse indicated the issue would be brought to the Lab Admins for consideration.

Discussion took place on the advertising of the remote lab system. The committee requested that an email be sent to all Students from IT informing them of the availability of the remote lab system. The email should have a catchy subject line that would entice users to open the email message.

Maggie adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm