

Central Student Technology Committee (CSTC)

Meeting: Tuesday, October 23 2007

Location: Union 203

Attendees: Maggie Deming, Jesse Ballard, Greg Brown, Tami Browning, Stephanie Budd, Aimee Callahan, Charles Christensen, Marcus Curley, Jennifer Earls, Cheryl Hilman, Warrie Means, Graham Mitchell, John Nutter, Mark Sunderman, Jonathan Zumwalt

1. Introductions

2. Call for Proposals

Maggie asked if any of the committee members had questions on the proposals that could be researched prior to the meeting next week.

HO 207 – there was clarification on how the room configuration changes effect line of sight to the benefit of the student.

Math server request – Discussion took place regarding how much of a commitment the CSTC would be asked to take on. The following questions were posed to Greg Brown to ask the Math department.

- If the CSTC were to reimburse the Math Department for the cost of the trial server, would there be any objection to IT evaluating the solution as a central service prior to the time of the next replacement cycle of the server? If IT determines that it can provide the service on existing hardware with existing resources in IT's machine room, it may choose to absorb the service within IT. This would relieve the Math department from the commitment to replace the hardware and ongoing server administration. If IT absorbs the service and there are any charges, the CSTC would consider the options at that time.
- What is the current utilization of the server/service and does the Math Department plan to increase usage for the future?

Anthropology Lab - Maggie questioned if it was the intent of the author to have the CSTC take on the full funding and reoccurring funding of the lab, in essence adopting another lab? Greg Brown indicated that it was.

Cheryl asked if the software was lab specific or general IT software. Jesse confirmed the software was not general software.

Normally the Student Technology budgets are not eligible to provide funding for graduate student labs or graduate offices. Who would be responsible for the graduate office computers? Greg Brown indicated the A&S committee would not support the purchase of grad computers, and it would be the department and faculty responsibility. Maggie asked Greg to get clarification on the use of the scanners listed in the proposal because there are multiple references to graduate students having to use scanners for support of faculty.

If the proposal is not funded in full, is the department willing to match funds that are provided?

Engineering Electrical – Charles questioned how many non Engineering classrooms were in the general use pool. Cheryl confirmed that many of the classrooms around the area are in the general pool so any class can be scheduled in them. Marcus asked if data connections would also be added in the area and Cheryl confirmed that it is only electrical. The area is served by wireless access points. Cheryl will get the class schedules for the classrooms around this area.

BIM Software - Is it concurrent licensing? Yes. Would it be installed on a UWStudent lab system? If there was a need it could be explored but the limited number of licenses would cause issues if it is used when classes that use the product are in session. Would there be any on-going costs – No, the department would pick up all ongoing costs.

Library Proposal - Geology library – there is a question as to where 10 computers would be placed. Jesse asked if we could obtain usage information on the library itself and indicated he would send the question to the library for response.

Group Study – No specific questions were raised. Members just asked for clarification on the current state of the study rooms. Jesse indicated that the study rooms were currently up and running but the computers in place would need to be replaced in the summer of 2008 to be placed on the lab system. So, the main point of the request was to roll the study room computers into the CSTC rotation cycle.

Laptops – No specific questions were raised. Members just asked for clarification on the existing laptops and what it would mean to the CSTC. Jesse indicated that the library currently supports 7 laptops for use in Coe, Geology and the Library Annex in addition to the 20 the CSTC supports in Coe. The proposal would place the additional 7 laptops under the CSTC for replacement and upkeep.

First floor computers - No specific questions were raised. Jesse verified that the CSTC currently supports 33 computers on the first floor of Coe and 85 computers in the basement. If the proposal is accepted the CSTC would absorb an additional 8 computers on the first floor which the library placed in the lab to increase availability.

A comment was made that libraries should be given the suggestion that if they see need for additional computer or equipment, it is more appropriate to approach the committee first rather than purchasing equipment up front and asking for the committee to absorb it later.

Maggie adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm