

Central Student Technology Committee (CSTC)

Meeting: Tuesday – February 23, 2010

Location: ITC 106

Attendees: Maggie Morrison, Jesse Ballard, Steve Boss, Tami Browning, Ron Dobyms, Michael Doherty, Ken Driese, Kyle Ferris, Matt Fournier, Amanda Hearne, Cheryl Hilman, Patrick McDowell, Warrie Means, John Nutter, Dee Pridgen, Bret Sorensen

## **1. Introductions**

## **2. Student Fees to support instructional technology**

In the Fall of 2009 the CSTC began examining making a change to the Operating Guidelines that would allow college student fee funds to be used to support instructional technology. The initial discussion was tabled to allow time to obtain feedback from students. In February, Matt Fournier drafted a resolution that was introduced and approved by ASUW supporting the change in the operating guidelines.

Matt shared observations that were presented in the discussions by ASUW. The majority of students felt that instructional technology was helpful and student fees should be used to support needed technology purchases if funds are available. Students did voice concerns that traditional funding of technology that is used by students not be reduced by supporting classroom instructional technology. Discussion and comments made by the CSTC members mirrored those shared from ASUW.

Questions were raised regarding the use of technology fees for items like furniture. The committee discussed the question of furniture and came to the consensus that a policy did not need to be drafted to restrict usage. It was asked that the meeting minutes reflect the opinion of the committee that the primary use should be for technology and furniture should only be considered when it had direct impact on the use of technology in the classroom.

Discussion took place on if the wording in the operating guidelines should reflect that student technology fees would be used for instructional technology vs. the proposed wording that simply made funding instructional technology an option for colleges to consider. The consensus of the committee was to leave the wording as presented.

Warrie Means moved to amend the operating guidelines with the presented wording, but also adding the service committees in addition to college committees.

Patrick McDowell- seconded the motion

New wording:

First and foremost, the funds generated by the student computer fee will be used to support student computer facilities for the University of Wyoming's student body. If funds remain after all suitable student computer facility requests are supported, funds may be allocated to support

classroom instructional technology at the discretion of the college, Student Affairs, and Disability Support Services technology fee committees.

Approved: All

Opposed: none

Abstain: none

### **3. Math WebWorks Server**

In the Fall the CSTC reviewed a proposal from the Math department to purchase a new WebWork server. At the time the committee asked the proposal author, John Spitler, to examine what it would take to house the server in the IT Data Center. John and Jesse met with the data center manager to work on the costs and logistics. Jesse also worked to obtain a quote for a rack mount server. The new server quoted is a rack mount server with a 5 year warranty vs. the 3 year warranty in the original quote.

Cheryl Hilman moved to approve \$5241 to purchase a new WebWork server and house it in the IT Data Center

John Nutter seconded the motion

Approved: all

Opposed: none

Abstain: none

### **4. IT report on CSTC funded WyoCast On-Demand pilot – fall semester**

Maggie presented statistics for Fall 2009 which showed high usage and satisfaction among the students. The current bottle neck in increased usage is the lack of faculty members willing to integrate the technology into their classes.

Maggie does not recommend expanding the technology until a larger number of faculty begin using the service.

### **5. Mid Year reports from the College Student Computing committees**

Maggie explained that each year the colleges are required to present mid-year budget reports. The mid-year reports are to verify that student fee funds are being spent as outlined in the previous year's budget proposals.

The Disability Support Services presented their budget report.

Jesse will work with the remaining colleges and committees to draft the reports to be presented at the next CSTC meeting.

## 6. Geology Library computers

Maggie explained that in 2008 the CSTC donated three year old computers for use in the Geology Library. The computers were placed in the Geology Library to provide computer access to students, and to allow time for statistics to be gathered on how heavily they were used. Jesse explained that the current usage shows that the three computers in place are being used heavily between 9am and 4pm.

The libraries have asked to increase the number of computers from 3 to 7. Three of the additional computers would be on the first floor and one would be located in the basement.

Steve Boss indicated that the libraries would provide the needed furniture and network drops.

Discussion took place on when the committee would review the usage to determine if new computers should be purchased vs. cycling three year old computers into the space. Jesse recommended reviewing the usage in the fall of 2010.

John Nutter moved to increase the number of donated three year old computers to the Geology Library from 3 to 7

Warrie Means seconded the motion.

Approved: all

Opposed: none

Abstain: none

Maggie adjourned the meeting at 5pm