

Central Student Technology Committee (CSTC)

Meeting: Friday February 11, 2005

Location: Union 202

Attendees: Maggie Deming, Jesse Ballard, Christy Boggs, Phyllis Brecher, Marcus Curley, Klaus Hanson, Jack Hatfield, Brenda Herbst, Natalie Kosine, Paul Medina, John Nutter, Dee Pridgen, William Russell, Michael Stephens, Mark Sunderman, Cheryl Hilman, Renee Tihen, Craig Robbins

1. Telecommunications and Systems Services Personnel Resources

Bob Morrison explained the personnel request proposal. IT Telecommunications and System Services (TSS) is running out of staffing resources to be able to continue to expand technology to students. In order to be able to expand technology to students more staffing will be needed. In the past IT has been able to absorb technology advances within existing staffing.

Bob explained that IT is able to fund 25% of the position and they are asking the CSTC to fund 75% of the position.

Klaus Hansen moved to approve \$37,500 annually as a recurring expense to support a new full time position in TSS.

John Nutter seconded

John stated that he feels that there is a need for the position but is concerned that the CSTC is on a fixed budget. If a new position is funded and pay increases occur in the future, the CSTC may not be able to accommodate the increase.

Bob Morrison stated that IT could possibly absorb the increase in funding for the position if the CSTC is not able to support an increase in the future. The increase would be presented to the CSTC for funding at the current proportionate level of 75%.

Discussion took place about how this position will be funded in the future.

Discussion took place regarding whether it is the responsibility of the committee or UW Administration to fund the position. It was questioned whether a new position could be requested from Administration. Maggie stated the VP of IT could ask, but it may be very difficult to obtain approval.

It was questioned whether the new position would be dedicated to student lab support. Bob explained the new position would be in addition to what is already dedicated within the IT TSS department. Bob stated that the position would probably dedicate well over 75% of its time to student computer support, but there would be over-lap in other areas because of cross-training needs.

It was questioned whether the committee would see additional personnel requests in the future. Bob felt this position would probably last up to 5 years without a need to expand personnel in TSS again.

Discussion took place on what would happen if the position was not approved. The current level of technology would remain the same and the committee would be limited on what it could add in the future.

The discussion regarding Administration funding the position was brought back up. John explained that the only discretionary funds available to Administration are the President's Plus Budget. The President's Plus Budget is slated for one-time needs vs. ongoing expenses.

John requested a friendly amendment to request that the position be reviewed each biennium. Klaus agreed to the friendly amendment.

Maggie asked for a vote on the motion as amended to:

Move to approve \$37,500 annually as a recurring expense to support a new full time position in TSS to be reviewed for continued funding each biennium; with the first review occurring in the spring of 2006.

Favor – all but 3

Opposed – Bill Russell, Jack Hatfield, and Mark Sunderman

Abstain – none

The committee requested that Bob provide a report of the position's tasks for review in the spring of 2006

2. Remote Desktop Farm

Bob first thanked the committee for the thoughtful review and approval for the new full time position in TSS.

Bob gave the committee a quick history of the remote desktop farm idea. Bob also explained the uses for the remote desktop farm.

Bob explained that none of the \$45K approved last year by the CSTC has been spent at this time.

Maggie explained that she asked Bob to provide the committee with an overview of the Remote Desktop farm so they would be aware of the possible financial commitment it would take if the project is successful.

Maggie adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm

