

Central Student Technology Committee (CSTC)

Meeting: Friday, December 02, 2005

Location: Union 002

Attendees: Jesse Ballard, Grayson Baird, Christy Boggs, Phyllis Brecher, Tami Browning, Glen Cox, Maggie Deming, Jack Hatfield, Cheryl Hilman, Warrie Means, Erin Mills, Graham Mitchell, John Nutter, Mark Sunderman, Renee Tihen

1. College of Arts & Sciences – MAC mobile lab

Maggie recommended that the proposal be sent back down to the A&S committee for consideration because there are no matching funds or dedication to the proposal for funding when the equipment needs to be replaced.

Cheryl Hilman commented that the CSTC funded a mobile lab and Engineering funded a mobile lab in the past. Both cases were unsuccessful – cumbersome to setup within an hour class period.

Christy Boggs commented that Education has mobile labs and two of the three are used successfully. One is used little. Christy stated that it depends on the amount of time available. If it is just used for an hour it might not be practical.

Graham Mitchell requested clarification on if the committee could fund this type of instructional technology. Jesse explained that it could be used since the technology will be in the hands of the students. Jesse also explained that while this would qualify one problem is that it is discipline specific and should be considered first by the A&S committee.

Graham Mitchell moved to refer the proposal back to the A&S college
Grayson Baird seconded the motion

John Nutter commented that he felt this proposal should be given consideration because with the call for proposals there should be greater flexibility in what the committee can and will fund. John also noted that the life sciences program is expanding and the mobile lab may experience greater use with the expansion.

Graham Mitchell commented that the project itself may need greater examination at both the A&S committee level and within the Biology and Botany departments.

Discussion took place on how the proposal would be sent back to A&S.

Mark Sunderman requested a friendly amendment stating the proposal be rejected in full

John Nutter seconded

Discussion took place on whether a new call for proposals would be released in the spring. Jesse explained that over the break IT would work on providing more firm costs and estimates on the projects the CSTC requested more information on. IT will also work on updating the budget numbers so the CSTC knows how much funding remains, which would dictate whether a new call for proposals will be released.

Graham accepted the friendly amendment

Jack Hatfield moved to offer a friendly amendment stating that if a new call is released it be placed at a higher priority. Jack withdrew the motion.

Approved: all
Opposed: none
Abstain: none

2. College of Arts & Sciences – Modern and Classical Languages

Maggie asked the committee if there were any questions or comments on the request.

John Nutter moved to approve the funding of the proposal
Christy Boggs seconded the motion

Discussion took place on the merits of the proposal. Warrie commented that the proposal has matching funds and has the potential of being used by anyone.

Approved: all
Opposed: none
Abstain: none

3. College of Business – Electrical and Benches

Maggie asked the committee if there were any questions or comments on the request.

Mark explained that the classrooms are wired for electrical but not hooked up. Mark stated that the college of Business placed benches around the building for students to use and they have become very popular items.

Phyllis Brecher commented that the benches in the Health Science building allow students to get off the floor and are well used.

Discussion took place on whether the committee should fund furniture since it is not strictly technology.

Discussion took place regarding the proposal's author, Mark Sunderman, being present to defend the project, while other authors were not allowed to do the same with theirs. Jesse explained that the CSTC meetings are open to the public, but in the future the committee might be better served by providing the agenda in advance to the college committee chairs, so that if a proposal author wanted they could sit in on the meeting.

Renee asked if there would be objection to splitting the proposal into two parts, one for the electrical and one for the benches. Mark Sunderman stated he had no objections to splitting the proposal.

Jack Hatfield moved to approve the proposal as is, with the funding of the benches contingent upon approval of the fire marshal.
Mark Sunderman seconded the motion

Approved: Phyllis Brecher, John Nutter, Jack Hatfield, Tami Browning, Mark Sunderman, Graham Mitchell, Cheryl Hilman, Christy Boggs
Opposed: Renee Tihen, Grayson Baird, Warrie Means, Glen Cox, Erin Mills
Abstain: none

Motion carried 8 to 5

Due to the fact that the committee finished its fall business, the meeting scheduled for Monday, Dec. 5th, was cancelled.

Maggie adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm