

Central Student Technology Committee (CSTC)
Meeting: Wednesday February 22, 2006
Location: Union 202

Attendees: Jesse Ballard, Maggie Deming, Grayson Baird, Phyllis Brecher, Charles Christensen, Cheryl Hilman, Paul Medina, Erin Mills, Christi Boggs, Graham Mitchell, John Nutter, Dee Pridgen, Ken Smith, Mark Sunderman, Mackenzie Williams, and Renee Tihen

Maggie notified the committee that the IT invoices to the colleges will be out soon. This will require the budget reports' due dates to be pushed back to March 14th.

1. **Color Printers**

Maggie explained that the color printers in BS 37, IV 136 and Coe are 3 years old and maintenance demands on the printers are increasing. Maggie explained that new printers would be purchased for the BS 37, Coe and IV 136 labs and the existing printers would be moved to older labs.

Cheryl asked if duplex was available on these printers. Jesse confirmed that these would have duplex printing.

Charles Christensen asked what labs the old printers would be moved into. Jesse stated A&S 228, Union 33 and Washakie 11 would be the most likely locations.

Paul Medina moved to approve \$3001 for the purchase of 3 new color printers
Charles Christensen seconded the motion

Approved: all
Opposed: none
Abstain: none

2. **Front Page Software Assurance**

Maggie explained that Microsoft Software Assurance (SA) on FrontPage purchased for the CSTC labs will end in July 2006.

Maggie explained how Software Assurance works. By purchasing Software Assurance the CSTC will be able to perform upgrades to FrontPage through July 2009.

The cost to renew SA should be around \$36 per copy. For all 368 lab nodes the CSTC controls the cost will be \$13,248

Grayson Baird asked if a copy for each node needs to be purchased. Jesse and Maggie explained that it is a goal of the CSTC to create an environment where a student can start a project in one location and move to another location and complete the project. Maggie also explained that the CSTC funds the student Web servers, which have FrontPage extensions loaded on them, so there is a need to provide and allow students an easy method to create web sites FrontPage.

Phyllis Brecher moved to approve \$13,248 to renew Microsoft Software Assurance on FrontPage for the CSTC labs.

Christy Boggs seconded the motion

John Nutter asked if other departments would be able to take advantage of the same pricing the CSTC has. Jesse confirmed that the same pricing would be available to other colleges and departments.

Approved: all but two
Opposed: Charles Christensen
Abstain: Cheryl Hilman

3. TSS Full time position

Maggie explained that in Spring 2005 the CSTC approved funding $\frac{3}{4}$ of a position in TSS PC Team to assist with supporting the lab system.

Cheryl Hilman commented that this position was presented to the committee as one that would be used primarily to develop and deploy the remote desktop farm. The remote desktop farm still has not been completed.

Maggie explained that the position was hired in August and has undergone 6 months of training and is now beginning to play a vital role in support the lab system. Maggie also explained that there are other people in TSS who are being used to benefit student computing at UW.

Mark Sunderman asked if we have paid for a position that only - so far - has resulted in 6 months of training. He noted that no description of the need to train an employee was shared in the description of the position presented in the Spring of 2005.

Warrie Means commented that the committee is in a catch-22 regarding this situation. The committee funded a position and has not seen any results; but if we don't continue funding, the projects that have been approved will not be completed. Warrie also voiced concerns regarding a possible turn-over. If the person leaves the position we could be in the same position.

Charles Christensen asked about the 3% raise. Charles wanted to know if the raise was something the committee could control or if it was under the direction of the University. Phyllis explained that raises are based performance reviews as dictated by the University.

Cheryl voiced a concern that the position was approved in order to get the Remote Desktop farm, which has not been completed. Cheryl asked if it was this committee's purpose to provide funding for staffing shortfalls in IT.

Phyllis commented that the work load that the CSTC is requesting of the PC Team has increased. The committee should expect to have to provide funding to provide the resources necessary to complete the tasks.

Graham Mitchell moved to approve the position for one year and review it again in the Spring 2007.

Charles Christensen seconded the motion

Mark questioned how the committee could make sure that the person stays on task. Maggie explained that the lack of progress has been an issue that she and Jesse have identified. To help keep on top of the project list in TSS, Maggie and Jesse now have monthly meetings to report on the progress of projects; and ensure the TSS positions continue to focus efforts on the priorities of the CSTC.

Ken Smith requested that Jesse provide a report on the TSS progress when the position is up for review. Jesse stated he would be happy to provide the report.

Charles moved to progress to vote.

Approved: all but three
Opposed: Cheryl Hilman, Warrie Means and Mark Sunderman
Abstain: none

Maggie adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm