

Central Student Technology Committee (CSTC)
Meeting: Tuesday March 28, 2006
Location: Union 002

Attendees: Maggie Deming, Jesse Ballard, Grayson Baird, Christy Boggs, Glen Cox, Cheryl Hilman, Brittany Jurich, Warrie Means, Erin Mills, Graham Mitchell, John Nutter, Ken Smith and Kevin Fontanta

1. Clarification of Software Submittal Policy – Maple request

Maggie explained that the college of A&S student computer fee committee has requested that the CSTC clarify the software submittal policy.

The existing software submittal policy states that the “software must provide use to students in at least three separate colleges to be considered cross-functional.” Traditionally this has meant classes taught in 3 separate colleges. Maggie recommended that the committee consider changing the language to read:

“The software must provide use to students in courses that are required in at least three separate colleges to be considered cross-functional.

Christy Boggs moved to change the language as stated by Maggie

Graham Mitchell seconded the motion

Cheryl commented that by changing the language it would actually restrict the ability of an instructor to have a software package brought forward for consideration.

Jesse recommended that instead of changing the existing sentence that a new sentence be added with the requested language.

Christy accepted friendly amendment

Favor - all

Abstain – all

Opposed – Cheryl Hilman

John Nutter moved to approve minor corrections in the policy language (spelling, etc)

Christy Boggs seconded

Favor – all

Abstain- None

Opposed- None

Maple software consideration

Jesse explained that the A&S committee had funded the Maple math program in the past, but wanted to bring it before the CSTC for consideration. The A&S committee believed that because the courses requiring Maple (Calc I, II, III and Differential Equations) are required by a number of majors that the burden of paying for the software should not fall entirely on the A&S students.

Grayson Baird commented that almost every student has to take a math course, so it is not fair that A&S students pay the fee for the software that all students have to use.

Committee members voiced confirmation that multiple colleges require Calc classes as a required class: BU, AG, EN, ED and A&S.

Graham Mitchell moved to approve \$16,800 for the continued maintenance of the Maple software package for 3 years

Grayson seconded the motion

Warrie asked if funding is available. Maggie confirmed that funding was available.

Approved: all
Opposed: none
Abstain: none

2. Expanding the number of laptops available for checkout in Coe Library

Maggie explained that all the available laptops have been checked out at one time at least three times this semester. Maggie showed a chart of checkout records that showed a steady increase in the usage of the laptops since they were put in place in January.

Britney Jurich commented that she had never heard of the program, and that the library is very busy. She voiced support of the program and can see how it would be a great benefit to students.

Graham questioned whether 5 laptops were enough. Jesse explained that the committee could consider more if they wished.

Graham moved to approve \$8500 to purchase an additional 5 laptops for use in the Coe Library laptop checkout program.

Warrie Means seconded the motion

Approved: all
Opposed: none
Abstain: none

3. Increase in available funds for the Remote Lab system pilot

Maggie explained that UWStudent Lab administration has made significant progress in the development of the remote lab system. After all other infrastructure costs are expended there are only enough funds to purchase a total of 16 computers. The network infrastructure will support 24 nodes. To take advantage of the available infrastructure more funds are needed

Cheryl moved to approve \$8000 to be able to purchase a total of 24 nodes for the initial remote desktop farm

Glenn Cox seconded the motion

Favor – all
Opposed- none
Abstain- none

4. CAT 6 wiring and Gigabit connections for CSTC labs

Maggie explained that cost estimates have been obtained to upgrade the wiring in the CSTC labs to CAT 6 and the back-end switches to support Gigabit connections

Graham asked about how to prioritize the labs. Maggie recommended the BS 37 lab first and then possibly consider updating labs based on the computer rotation cycle. .

Cheryl Moved to fund BS 37 first and then prioritize based by computer replacement cycle.

John Nutter seconded

In discussion the committee voiced support to allowing Jesse and Maggie to determine what labs in the 2006 rotation cycle should be upgraded first.

Favor- all
Opposed- none
Abstain- none

It was determined that the main business of the committee had been completed. Unless unforeseen events occur, Maggie will cancel the April 5 meeting. The last meeting of the CSTC will be April 25, at which time the committee will review the College Student Technology Fee planned FY07 budgets.

Maggie adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm