

Central Student Technology Committee (CSTC)

Meeting: Wednesday March 8, 2006

Location: Union 202

Attendees: Jesse Ballard, Grayson Baird, Phyllis Brecher, Tami Browning, Charles Christensen, Glen Cox, Cheryl Hilman, Erin Mills, Graham Mitchell, John Nutter, Dee Pridgen, Renee Tihen, Warrie Means, and Mackenzie Williams

## 1. **University Apartments lab**

Jesse explained that going back to the original formation of the committee the CSTC has tried to identify a possible lab location that would help serve the east end of campus and the University Apartments. In the past a location has not been available.

Upon a request from a CSTC member Jesse contacted Dave Hennings in Residence Life & Dining to discuss possibly locating a space to place a lab. By pure coincidence of timing a tenant had recently been evicted from an apartment that would be an ideal location for a computer lab. The location is an apartment that was divided in order to allow IT Telecommunications to use part of the space to place a main network node for the east end of campus. This position right next to the network node will allow for networking to easily be run into the lab to support student computers.

Jesse explained that the space can be configured to hold 10 computers and a printer. In order to provide the most open access Jesse recommends placing a 'card-swipe' access on the door along with web-cameras to monitor activity.

Jesse explained that the housing department is very supportive of the project and has offered a variety of support.

Charles Christensen moved to approve up to \$30K to create a new open lab in the University Apartments

John Nutter seconded the motion

Cheryl Hilman asked if the sink and tub could possibly be covered in order to prevent use and increase available storage/counter space. Jesse stated he would look into having them covered.

Grayson Baird questioned whether it was the responsibility of the CSTC to create and support the lab, or if it was Residence Life & Dining's responsibility.

Approved: all but one

Opposed: none

Abstain: Grayson Baird

## **2. Student Affairs Technology Committee – printer proposal projects**

Jesse explained that the Student Affairs Technology Committee recently met to review submissions to their call for proposals. Two of the proposals presented and approved by the Student Affairs Technology Committee requested funding to replace the printers in the dorm lobbies, Washakie 11, BU 305/307, UN 33 and to provide duplex units to the Ivinson 136 printers.

Two proposals were presented, one addressing the printers in the residential area and another was submitted to increase the availability of duplex printing in the major open labs on campus.

Jesse explained that he worked with the ASUW technology committee to identify the printers that would service the largest student population and provide duplex printing.

Traditionally this project approval would be submitted with the other college reports in April, but Jesse asked for the printer projects to be presented to the CSTC early in order for the purchase of printers to be done early. The reason for the need to approve these expenditures early is to replace several printers that are currently in need of either replacement or a maintenance cycle.

The remainder of the Student Affairs Technology Committee budget proposal will be presented to the CSTC in April along with the other colleges.

Cheryl Hilman moved to approved the Student Affairs Technology Committee expenditure to purchase the printers  
Charles Christensen seconded the motion

Approved: all  
Opposed: none  
Abstain: none

## **3. Front Page Software Assurance**

Jesse explained that he had recently performed an audit on the number of Front Page Software Assurance licenses that the CSTC has purchased in the past years. According to his finding the CSTC has purchased 334 licenses for Front Page. The committee currently supports 359 computers that have Front Page loaded on them. In order to reconcile the differences the committee needs to fund the purchase of 25 additional licenses with Software Assurance.

The committee has already approved \$13,248 for Front Page Software Assurance, because of the decrease in the number of nodes that need Software Assurance only \$12,204 is needed. The cost of purchasing licenses and Software Assurance

for the 25 nodes will be \$1950. The total increase to the needed funding over what was already approved is \$726.00

John Nutter moved to approve an additional \$726 to purchase licenses and Software Assurance for the 25 nodes  
Renee Tihen seconded the motion

Approved: all but one  
Opposed: none  
Abstain: Cheryl Hilman

#### **4. BU 307 Projector Replacement**

Jesse explained that the BU 307 projector is in need of replacement. The images are beginning to dim, the projector is no longer under warranty and IT currently does not have any spare bulbs in stock. The projector is the oldest one in the CSTC controlled labs.

Discussion took place on the age of the projector and the cost of maintenance.

Charles Christensen moved to approve \$2731 to replace the projector and ceiling mount.

Warrie Means seconded the motion.

Approved: all  
Opposed: none  
Abstain: none

#### **5. Adobe Creative Suite on CSTC controlled computers**

Jesse explained that IT is seeing an increase in requests by students to use image editing software such as PhotoShop and the ability to create PDFs such as Adobe Acrobat. Because of this increase and the available surplus Jesse recommended the CSTC look at purchasing Adobe Creative Suite for use on CSTC controlled computers. Currently older versions of some of the software is available on the scanner nodes in IV, BS 37, and Coe.

Discussion took place on the need for the Adobe Creative Suite, vs. free software such as GIMP and cutePDF

Glen Cox moved to approve \$1673 for Adobe Creative Suite for placement on the scanner machines in Coe, IV and BS 37 and for IT to consider developing GIMP and cutePDF for other lab nodes

Grayson Baird seconded

Discussion took place on the number of copies and the availability on nodes other than scanners

Christensen offered a friendly amendment to double the number of copies to 14.

Glen accepted the friendly amendment increasing the total amount to \$3346

Approved - all  
Opposed- none  
Abstain- none

Jesse explained that over Spring Break he plans to reconcile the Available Funds sheet he provides to the CSTC with the amounts actually spent or obligated. This will hopefully provide a very accurate picture of the committee's financial standing at the next meeting.

Jesse adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm