

Central Student Technology Committee (CSTC)

Meeting: Friday, March 2, 2007

Location: Union 203

Attendees: Maggie Deming, Jesse Ballard, Grayson Baird, Greg Brown, Tami Browning, Marcus Curley, Jennifer Earls, Renee Tihen, Warrie means, Erin Mills, Graham Mitchell, John Nutter, Dee Pridgen, Mark Sunderman, Mackenzie Williams

1. Use of Desktop Icons to advertise new software

Maggie explained that after discussing the option of placing icons on the desktop with the PC Team they countered with three different ways to accommodate the request.

First is to place an individual icon on the desktop for each new program

Second is to create a Desktop folder labeled "New Programs"

Third was to place a folder in the start menu program called New Programs

Discussion took place on the three available options.

Grayson recommended placing a single icon in place that lists all available programs.

Option 3 was agreed upon - with the folder placed in the main Start Menu - with the inclusion of the link to the all software list

Approved: all

Opposed: none

Abstain: none

2. Vista Availability to Students

Maggie explained that she talked to UW Microsoft rep and he stated that Microsoft will make Vista Business available to students via the WyoWare program.

3. Trend Internet Security (PC-cillin) renewal

Maggie explained that in the past the CSTC has funded the cost of providing Antivirus software free to all students. IT has not gone out on bid but estimates the renewal cost for Trend Internet Security to be \$23,000. Maggie clarified that the funding would pay for maintenance from June 1 2007 until June 1, 2008.

Mark Sunderman moved to approve \$23,000 to renew Trend Internet Security for an additional year

John Nutter seconded the motion

Approved: all

Opposed: none

Abstain: none

4. Donation of CSTC computers for a fledgling partnership with a Nigerian University

Maggie explained that the University administration is creating a partnership with a fledgling Nigerian University. As part of the partnership they would like to donate 15 – 20 computers a year to the Nigerian University.

Maggie explained that currently all 3 year old computers that are replaced in student labs are resold to departments of the university. The loss of the re-sale revenue would result in the loss of \$4500 - \$6000 a year to the CSTC.

Several faculty and students voiced concern about providing the computers to the Nigerian university. Faculty felt that the resale of computers to on-campus entities was a good way of providing support to departments that are not normally able to fund the full cost of replacement computers. By reducing the numbers available to the re-sale pool it may have a negative impact on departments that rely on the sale of 3 year old computers from the labs.

Students voiced concern that they did not see any benefit provided to students by the donation of the computers. Students preferred that the revenue from the resale of the old computers be reinvested in UW student technology.

Graham Mitchell explained that he has spent time in Africa and his experience leads him to question whether the computers would make it to the University. Graham also speculated that if the computers did make it to the University they may not remain available for too long.

The committee decided against providing 3 year old nodes for donation to the Nigerian University.

5. Sale of old wireless cards to the library

Maggie explained that the library has inquired about the possibility of purchasing a couple of the Cisco Wireless cards that the CSTC funded for checkout in 2002. Currently they have 6 cards available for checkout but only one or two are actually checked out on a regular basis.

The committee provided voice approval to sell 4 of the cards at an asking price of \$40 each.

6. CSTC Website – <http://www.uwyo.edu/cstc>

Maggie informed the committee that Information Technology has created a website for the CSTC. The website will be used to post meeting minutes, official forms for proposal requests as well as to advertise past accomplishments.

7. CD/DVD burning software - \$2000

Jesse explained that over the winter break Windows Media Player was upgraded on all UWStudent lab nodes. One of the side-effects of this update was the free version of Roxio that had been used on the lab nodes no longer works. So far no solution has been provided and the version when it was working was not very stable and lacked advanced features.

The Academic Support Unit is currently evaluating a couple of products, Nero, the full version of Roxio and a couple other products – some freeware. Jesse was asking for the approval of funds to purchase a replacement program to be made available as soon as a product was chosen.

Committee asked about an ability to monitor the usage of the applications if they are purchased. Maggie explained the implementation of AppUse would assist in the ability to monitor the usage of the software

John Nutter moved to approve \$2000 to purchase up to 20 copies of the approved product

Grayson Baird Seconded the motion

Approved: all

Opposed: none

Abstain: none

8. TSS Position review

Maggie explained that for the past two years the CSTC has funded $\frac{3}{4}$ of a position to assist with the administration of the UWStudent Lab system. Maggie also explained that when reviewing the position last Spring the committee had asked Jesse to report on whether he was seeing an increase in productivity from the position.

Jesse provided his report and indicated that he had seen a significant increase in performance of the UWStudent Lab admin as a whole. Some major projects that Jesse indicated were completed as a direct result of the $\frac{3}{4}$ position were: Arthur upgrade, LabStats implementation, Remote Lab System implementation, WSUS patch system for lab nodes and software requests such as firefox, Gimp, Nvu and CutePDF.

Jesse also indicated that Information Technology recognized the need to provide additional support to the UWStudent lab system and has hired a third person to help work on the UWStudent lab system.

The committee asked what should be expected of the position in the years to come. Jesse indicated that the position will work on continued maintenance of the lab system and help with new projects. Jesse also stated that because the committee funds $\frac{3}{4}$ of the position it should provide them with leverage when requesting new projects.

Graham Mitchell requested that the February 2006 project list be shared with the committee and that the list be updated with the status of each item.

Warrie Means moved to approve \$36,000 for $\frac{3}{4}$ TSS position for FY 2008
Graham Mitchell seconded the motion

Approved: all
Opposed: none
Abstain: none

Maggie adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm