

Central Student Technology Committee (CSTC)

Meeting: Friday – March 28, 2008

Location: Union 002

Attendees: Maggie Deming, Jesse Ballard, David Kiren, Greg Brown, Tami Browning, Brandon Helvie, Cheryl Hilman, Warrie Means, Erin Mills, Graham Mitchell, John Nutter, Dee Pridgen, Magnus Snyder, Jonathan Zumwalt

1. Printers for EN 4054 and EN 2106

Maggie explained that the BU renovation is going forward and that is resulting in the CSTC taking control of the EN 4054 and EN2106 labs. Jesse explained that the current printers are very old and do not have duplex printing capabilities.

John Nutter moved to approve \$2400 for the two printers for EN 4054 and EN 2106
Graham Mitchell seconded the motion

Approved: all
Opposed: none
Abstain: none

2. Digital Signs for student labs

Jesse explained digital signs. These would be HD TVs that could be mounted outside of labs to provide useful information. Information that might be displayed would be real-time usage of lab nodes so students would know where available lab computers are located. Information on new products, software services, lab locations and a variety of items could be displayed on the signs.

Jesse is asking for funds to examine the technology to determine the best method to implement the project for the labs.

Cheryl Hilman explained the current use of the signs in the Engineering building.

Cheryl Hilman moved to approve \$5000 for the development of digital signs
Warrie Means seconded the motion

Approved: all but one
Opposed: none
Abstain: Greg Brown

3. Removal of rotation of 1 year old computers out of BS 37 to other labs

Maggie explained that in 2008/2009 the IT building and Library will be coming online and the 24 hour lab location would probably be moving. The original intent was to keep the latest and greatest technology in the BS 37 lab, but that need has been reduced in recent years with the 3yr rotation cycle and the possible move of 24 hour status.

Warrie Means moved to remove the rotation
John Nutter seconded

Approved: all
Opposed: none
Abstain: none

4. Nigerian Computer donations

David Kiren explained that a faculty member has requested the CSTC consider donating a set of computers to be sent to our sister college in Nigeria.

Cheryl Hilman brought up the concern of whether it was legal to send the computers out of the country. Jesse shared the concern because when he purchases a personal computer it specifically asks if there are plans to export the computer outside the country. Discussion regarding the cost of sending the computers was raised. Several committee members wondered who would be responsible for covering those costs.

Discussion took place regarding what occurs to the lab computers when they are replaced. Jesse explained that all of the computers are sold through the Property Office and as part of the IT Windows Desktop Replacement Initiative. The normal cost is about \$300 per computer which provides the committee with around \$30K a year. Greg Brown explained that a number of A&S departments rely on the student computers and the desktop replacement initiative to replace old computers that faculty, staff and grad students use.

The committee discussed how the old computers benefit the campus community and they would like to see that remain the priority for distribution.

David Kiren recommended that a vote be cast to establish a policy on how the CSTC handles computers coming out of the labs. An official vote was not cast but a consensus was stated by the committee that they felt the existing policy of reselling the computers through the Property Office should continue.

The committee also recommended that the faculty member talk with the Property Office to determine if computers that are not sold and are destined for recycling could possibly be donated. These would be older machines than what comes out of the labs but might fill the needs of the Nigerian university.

5. Library computing needs and inclusion on the CSTC

Maggie explained that in past the Libraries funded the original purchase of computers and then came to the CSTC to request the committee take over on-going support. The CSTC has agreed to these on-going support issues because of the benefits to students. Discussion took place regarding the need to be included on projects from the beginning and not being approached after the fact.

Currently Libraries does not have a formal method to approach the CSTC because they do not fall under any of the colleges, Student Affairs or the ADA committees.

Cheryl Hilman voiced support to allow the Libraries to be on the CSTC in some form. Providing them with a position on the committee would make them aware of funding levels, current projects and also give them a formal position to approach the committee if they have funding needs. Jesse expressed support and indicated with the dramatic changes coming to Coe Library with the renovation, it would be in the interest of the committee to have representation so any technology needs could be shared.

Discussion took place about the possibility of inviting them to be part of the committee, but as a non-voting member.

Warrie Means moved to invite a member of Libraries to sit on the committee as a non-voting member.

Magnus Snyder Seconded the motion

Approved: all but one

Opposed: John Nutter

Abstain: None

Maggie adjourned the meeting at 4:55 pm