

Technology Committee Meeting Minutes October 27, 2005

Members Present: Bruce Anderson, Andy Kean, Jiang Li, Gerald Beavers, Barry Jones, Luke Henry, Reggie Wooden, Charles Wall, Stan Groppel, Don Carlin, Mitch Robinson, Jim Ridenhour

Guests Present: Donna Johansen

Approval of Minutes from Sep. 29, 2005 Meeting: Gerald Beavers moved that we approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Andy Kean and was approved.

Consideration of Recommendation for Allocation of Carry Forward Funds: The subcommittee consisting of Gerald Beavers, Reggie Wooden, Bruce Anderson, and Jim Ridenhour has met and made recommendations for allocation of carry forward funds. These recommendations were presented in the form of a spreadsheet. There was a discussion and the spreadsheet was amended as follows:

- For proposal T05-044, it was pointed out that the projector in CX 216 has already been replaced. However, Don Luck has indicated that the projector in CX 227 is not functional and in need of replacement. Luke Henry indicated that was indeed the case so it was decided to replace the projector in CX 227 rather than the one in CX 216.
- For proposal T05-050 (Astronomy Observatory), it was decided to wait until a later date to consider funding of this proposal since the proposal has been changed and there is a potential for funding from other sources. In addition, it will take some time for the donation of the land to become official and part of the proposal in not TAF-fundable.
- It was decided to remove the recommendation for smart classrooms in one of Marks 122 and Marks 124 since the programs in this building will be moving to McCord when it is finished and smart classroom equipment may be part of the classroom configuration in McCord.
- Reggie Wooden suggested that we wait on Wimba Software since it is moving from a Windows platform to Linux and the costs are uncertain. This item was also removed from the recommendations. We may want to consider funding this in our December meeting if details are available at that time.

With these amendments, Bruce Anderson moved that we approve the expenditures in the amended spreadsheet (attached). Andy Kean seconded the motion and it was approved. Andy Kean then pointed out that several of the requests involved smart classroom equipment and the amount requested varied from project to project and asked if we should have a standard configuration for these classrooms. Jim Ridenhour asked Luke Henry to get together with Jeff Walton and see if they could work up a standard configuration for both Windows and Mac platforms and Luke consented.

Discussion of VentPrint Print Management System: Don Carlin reported on the print management system and very briefly described the architecture involved. The Lab Committee has met and approved an implementation plan which includes a pilot project

where the print management software will be installed in the Extended Hours Lab, the lab in Sundquist E112, and the Trio Lab in Ellington and the performance and cost savings will be monitored during spring semester. If successful, then the print management system could be installed in other labs where requested. Charles Wall asked if the software could be removed from the Extended Hours Lab before the conclusion of the pilot project if it was not functioning properly and Don indicated that this was the case. Stan Groppe moved that we accept the implementation plan, Bruce Anderson seconded the motion and it was approved. Then Don moved that we cover the cost of the annual renewal fee for the print management software which is due next January (approximately \$2000.) The motion was seconded by Bruce Anderson and the motion was approved.

Time Schedule for Submission of new TAF Proposals: There will be a meeting of Mitch Robinson, Sonja Stewart, Charles Wall, and Jim Ridenhour on October 28 to consider matters related to the submission of proposal for next year.

Merger of Blackboard and WebCT: There was a brief discussion of the pending merger of Blackboard and WebCT. This was seen as a very positive move for those involved with online classes. Stan Groppe indicated that he expects the merger to be accomplished in a timely fashion but that there may not be significant savings in platform expenditures for online instruction.

Request for a Printer in Nursing Lab: We have received a request for a new printer in the Nursing Lab since both of the current printers are unreliable and often not functional. They have requested a Dell M5200 laser printer. Don Carlin suggested that we move a printer from the library to that lab since they have a new one, still in the box, that is the exact model requested. This would enable them to have a good printer without waiting for the requisitions and purchase orders to go through. Then when the new printer arrives, it would replace the one taken from the library. Luke Henry moved that we transfer the above-mentioned printer from the library to the nursing lab and that \$1400 be approved for the replacement of the library's printer. Andy Kean seconded the motion and it was approved. Donna asked if the requisition for the replacement printer should go through the library or the nursing department. It was suggested that it should go through the nursing department since the proposal originated with them and they will be getting a new printer.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.