

Campus Technology Policy & Planning Council
Meeting of October 24, 2005
1:00 – 2:30 pm
DeGarmo 551

Present: Beckie Benner, Sara Campbell, Sam Catanzaro, Dan Hayden, Trish Klass, Jim Moon, Brent Paterson, Bob Rariden, Beth Schobernd, Mark Walbert, and Shari Zeck

Absent: Jeff Wood

Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Old Business

Educause Update:

Mark met with WebCT representatives to discuss the impact on ISU of the merger of Blackboard and WebCT. Mark also met with Dell, Apple, and Adobe. WebCT and Blackboard will be merging but it could be years before this is done. WebCT 6 which is rolling out next fall is much improved. This will be the underlying engine for Blackboard. Both platforms will be supported independently until they merge. The Dell Executive VP for Education is going to provide us with very inexpensive donor computers for students who need it. We have about \$15,000 this year and next that we can utilize for this purpose. IBM should follow with this also. Adobe will be offering a package including Illustrator, Photo Shop, and another product for \$200. There will be a rollout of this with an Adobe representative soon in the Art Gallery.

Constituency Advisory Committee Meetings:

Mark asked for feedback from each of the committee members in regards to their meetings with their constituency groups discussing the top ten tech issues. It was noted that a common theme was people giving input want to come up with solutions instead of listing the problems. Sometimes figuring out what the problem was from the solution is difficult. Concern has been expressed about decision making and funding, and distribution of resources being more centralized. Fine Arts is meeting with each of their Schools. It was noted there is a need for clearer communication, changes, outages, and maintaining distributed support.

Jim reported that their tech team has created a survey on the web and invitations have been sent to all including students. Results have not been tabulated yet.

University Extended Learning Steering Committee meets tomorrow.

Beth reported that the MLB committee has met twice and they have asked for input from the faculty and civil service staff. She has some items but it has been difficult getting responses.

Sam reported that the CAS learning technology advisory committee is doing a pre-survey regarding what should be put on the survey. The survey will be drafted soon. It is very obvious that the number one concern will be funding.

Sara announced that the MCN advisory committee will be meeting soon.

Barb Blake & Mark will be meeting next week again regarding the funding model for this.

New Business

Web Based Scheduling Software:

Mennonite College of Nursing is in need of a web based scheduling software program. Sara asked for input from others on what they use. Mark announced that Doug Smith has been looking at possibilities for this. EMS (Event Management Systems) is used in Bone Student Center and is one possibility. It would be beneficial if it could be tied in with room data on the mainframe.

Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Mark pointed out a half page ad in the *Vidette* advertising CyberSecurity Awareness month. Persons can enter to win a T-shirt or an iPod Nano. The VPN Client also has a statement about Cybersecurity month. WebMail will have something similar soon. A brief story will appear in the ISU Report this week.

New request for SPSS software

Mark announced that he just received a request to look into the benefits of statistical analysis software used on campus. SPSS costs \$43,000 this year, which is double what it was last year. We do not know how many people are actually installing and using this software. The committee members agreed to canvas their areas to see how many people are using SPSS so we can determine the benefits. Everyone agreed to go back to their areas and see how many faculty, staff, lab computers, and students are using SPSS and Minitab, and get that information back to Mark as soon as possible. The stats consulting group could be enlisted to give us some idea of what kind of statistical possibilities are really necessary. Mark will then work with David Greenfield on this. Mark also announced that any savings from the tech tuition account would be put onto next year's liabilities for software.

Agenda items for the future:

The group discussed the following tentative agenda items for the rest of the semester.

October 31

Classroom Clicker presentation or cancel the meeting.

November 7

Classroom Clicker presentation or cancel the meeting.

November 11

Reports are due from committee members on the Top Ten Summaries.

Week of November 14

Reports will be copied and distributed on the Top Ten Summaries.

November 14

Shared personal calendar research

There will be two teams to present two different calendaring systems (Microsoft Exchange and Sun Java).

November 21

Shared personal calendaring discussion.
Top Ten Summary discussion.

November 28

Top Ten Summaries discussion.

December 5

Top Ten Summaries discussion.

December 12

Top Ten Summaries discussion.

There are also three items that may come up yet this semester but if not, these will be covered during spring semester:

Milner wireless printing
Exchange Consolidation
Julian 152 rehabilitation

If you are not going to be here Thanksgiving week, please respond on Meeting Maker so we can cancel that week if necessary.

Next Meeting

October 31, 2005

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1:00 -2:30 pm

Submitted by Georgia Bailey.