

Information Technologies Committee
May 1, 2001
300 Morrill Hall

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Present: Andy Lopez (chair), Mark Bellcourt, Stephen Cawley, Phil Goodrich, Bernard Gulachek, Jeff Johnson, Nancy McGlynn, William Peterson, April Schwartz.

Regrets: Gary Hallman, Linda Jorn, Thomas McRoberts,

Guests: Melissa Martyr-Wagner

[In these minutes: Updates on WebCT and Collegiate Instructional Technology Survey, Designated position for Library member, Recommendations for next year, TEL experience.]

The March 6, 2001 minutes were approved.

1. Updates on WebCT and collegiate Instructional Technology Survey

Guest Melissa Martyr-Wagner passed out some handouts for discussion. She felt there was a great demand for new interface.

Mark Bellcourt said that his group concluded that they cannot make everything accessible, but that they hope there will be an official policy by the end of the year. Steve Cawley emphasized estimating priorities and maximizing effort to make the interface as pleasant as possible for a disabled person.

An instructional technology survey was sent to students, ending the 4th of May. The response rate was about 25 percent. There will be a faculty survey this fall; Linda Jorn will report results at that time.

1. Should the Library have a SCIT position?

After a short discussion, William Peterson put in a motion to request an ex-officio seat for libraries. It was seconded by Phil Goodrich, and passed unanimously.

The group also made it a priority to meet with the new Digital Technology Center director, Andrew Ondly.

2. Recommendations for next year

- a. Bill Peterson recommended getting a copy of the Education Task Force Report
- b. Three areas of the new phone system need to be discussed: I.P. telephones, Wireless Telephones, and the status of the new system.

- c. Library system: LUMINA, MNLink.
- d. Options for remote access
- e. Update on TC Tech Upgrade Program
- f. Campus Backbone Network
- g. Internet 2
- h. Research Computing
- i. CIC/CIO group. There will be a tech forum at Penn State in October. Nancy McGlynn could present on technical collaborations.
- j. Talk with the Registrar's office about what they have been doing
- k. CUFS will be replaced, but it won't be before July 2003. Controller's office could present some of their strategies.

3. TEL Experience

There are lots of tools available on the web to help enhance student writing. However, it was found that most students didn't want to use those any more than they wanted to sit through a lecture about writing.

There was a proposed 2-credit course in Sports Nutrition that has been approved for Fall. It will be entirely online except for the first and last day. They expect to hear from students every week. So far 9 students have signed up and there is a 50-student cap. The course number is FScN 1012.

It was discussed that DMC grants are probably not going to be funded next year and it was added that outcomes of grant projects are not communicated clearly to the faculty.

With no further business, the committee adjourned for the year.

University Senate
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