Engineering Student Technology Committee

Meeting minutes for 4/10/09

(Few committee members present)

Strategic Initiatives Fund

There was discussion of possibilities for the Strategic Initiatives Fund. The committee returned to the possibility of making modifications to the BC infill. Ross agreed to look at layout possibilities and Brad agreed to consider the necessary costs. Mark R. reminded the committee that CFT funds could not be used to purchase furnishings. That led to discussion of the need for the committee to approach the college to propose a partnership to make the improvements. The general idea was that the college would provide furnishings and that the committee would purchase equipment such as computers, boards, and projectors. The proposal was left for future discussion.

Surveillance Cameras

Mark R. explained the situation with surveillance cameras in the ENS lab facilities. The cameras were purchased and installed in reaction to equipment losses on campus. Mark R. explained that ENS has not experienced significant losses that would necessitate the need for cameras and that each lab was already secured through use of door card readers which record each entrant. The committee discussed the issue and it was agreed that the cameras provided little if any benefit and that adequate security measures were in place without the cameras. A vote was called to eliminate the possibility for future funding of the surveillance cameras. The vote was unanimously passed.

Finalizing the Budget

The budget was reviewed for a final time before the vote to accept it. There were minor questions about individual items in the budget and minor adjustments to active equipment were made. The changes that were made were focused on general house cleaning to accurately reflect reality and no vote was necessary to implement them. It was decided that a vote to accept the budget should be postponed until the next meeting when more committee members would be present.