

Engineering Student Technology Committee

Meeting agenda for April 5, 2000 - Engineering B214 Conference Room - 8:00am

Present: Megan Donovan (ECE), Jennifer Flint (ECE), Prof. Garcia (CBE),
Mike Holland (ME), Sarah Legosa (CBE), Prof. Nassar (ECE),
Bala Natarajan (ECE), Lance Parker (CBE), Jenny Po (intra),
Mark Ritschard (ENS), Jessica Rupp (ME), Laurent Simon (CBE),
Dan Stiles (CE), Prof. Willson (ME), Marcel Zibognon (CE)

Absent: Michelle Heintz (CE), Prof. Labadie (CE), Torrey Burgess (ME)

- Corrections to previous meeting minutes (3-29-00)
none

- Proposals update

Faculty have been notified by e-mail, student groups have been notified by committee members and signs have been posted.

- Allison Hall

Christa Sandelier, Resident Coordinator for Allison Hall, has requested that the Allison Hall lab either be closed or maintained. It is currently being abused and is in poor condition.

Most of the committee didn't know of the existence of the lab and it was noted that an "Open Option" lab is in Allison Hall. That lab, however, is reserved for Open Option student use only at busy times.

Jennifer Flint, an RA in Allison, reported that engineering freshmen still reside in Allison and that they can log on to the engineering NT domain from the lab.

The decision to keep the lab or not was tabled until next week so that more information can be gathered.

- Fee for 2000-2001 & staff proposal

A report was given by Megan Donovan and Dan Stiles on the visits made to the student tech committees in the colleges of Business, Agricultural Sciences, and Natural Sciences. The Business committee seemed open to the idea, Ag. Sciences was also open, but seemed to lean toward opposing the proposal, and Natural Sciences outright opposed to the proposal as soon as their faculty representative spoke against it.

The University Charges for Technology Committee will vote this Friday, but President Yates has said that he will not carry the motion forward to the State Board of Agriculture (SBA) unless the following four conditions are met: 1) a unanimous vote by the University Charges for Technology Committee, 2) support from ASCSU, 3) a limit on how much of a colleges fund may be spent on staff and 4) student representation at the May SBA meeting.

As (1) seems unlikely, it looks like the motion won't be carried forward. However, Dan has agreed to solicit ASCSU support and (3) was met by a recent change in the proposal to limit the staff salary expenditure to 15% of the total fund.

In view of a likely defeat of the motion, Dan suggested that the students meet with Dean Gallagher at the next student breakfast meeting on Friday, April 14. Per Dan's request, Mark will provide Dan with a list of benefits to be gained from hiring a full-time person to oversee all college labs.

- printing & paper problems

Mark introduced the idea of instituting a printing quota for all students to address both the current waste of paper and the need to track expenses of new color printing options in the Design Studio (and, potentially, the GIS lab). The thought includes the following:

- 1) all students would get an annual quota
- 2) Unused quota rolls forward to the next year
- 3) Additional quota may be purchased if the original is exceeded
- 4) B/W documents would decrement the quota one count per page
- 5) Color documents would decrement the quota X counts per page depending on the printer being used.

Mark noted that all sorts of non-academic printing is done in the labs (as evidenced by looking in the recycle bin) and that students often print multiple copies with only minor corrections made in the interim. A quota system would free students to print whatever they wanted, remove the need for monitoring of multiple copies, and allow students to print in color whenever they want. Without a quota, students may have to pay per page for color printing.

Concern was expressed that some students may need more quota based on classes being taken.

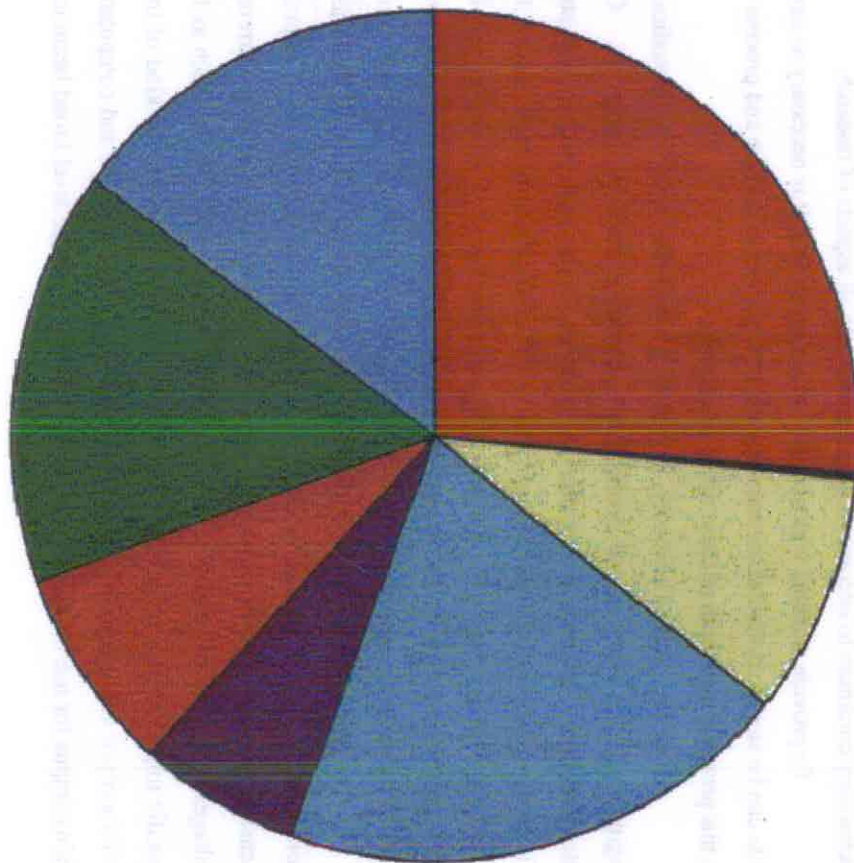
The topic will be taken up again at the next meeting.

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"He is no fool, who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose."
- James Elliott

Engineering Charges for Technology Disbursement



- "home" department expenditures
- Assistive Technology Charge
- Scholarships
- Lab Maintenance & Supplies (hardware, software, paper, etc.)
- Network
- Server maintenance & support
- Central lab equipment replacement
- Student wages