

Meeting minutes for January 31, 2001 - Engineering B214 Conference Room -
8:00am

Present: Jennifer Flint (ECE), David Hodge (ChemE), Mike Holland (ME),
Eric Mui (ECE), Prof. Nassar (ECE), Mark Ritschard (ENS),
David Wiegandt (ECE)

Absent: Torrey Burgess (ME), Prof. Dandy (ChemE), Tim Feather (ME),
Prof. Fitzhorn (ME), Alejandro Flores (CE), Dr. Gessler (Assoc. Dean),
Prof. Labadie (CE), Lance Parker (ChemE), Jenny Po (ChemE),
Bethany Schilleman (CE), Jason Smith (intra), Marcel Zibognon (CE)

Guests: James Davis, Craig Mapel, Brent Massey (all ENS)

- Introductions and attendance

New ENS staff were introduced to the committee. James Davis is the new college Web Technician and Brent Massey is the new college lab coordinator, the position made possible by the committee's efforts last year.

- Corrections to previous meetings minutes (11-22-00)

NONE

- Strategy for considering proposals

Mui is collecting proposals and will forward them to Ritschard to post on the web. The committee decided to review the proposals and rank them once all are received. Special consideration should be given to requests with large dollar amounts, keeping in mind that partial funding may be appropriate. However, it may not be appropriate to split some proposals.

All proposals need to be read and ranked by 2/19, in preparation for the next meeting.

- Project proposal dealing with computer accessibility

Ritschard and Mapel showed the committee that it is possible to provide complete access to the Engineering network from home. Mapel demonstrated the Windows Terminal Server and CITRIX software, showing the capabilities possible for home.

It was noted that such access is neither needed nor necessary, but would simply be an added service if the committee were interested in pursuing it. Current cost estimates are about \$20,000 to serve 15 students (compared with \$33,000 to place 15 computers in a lab). ENS is currently negotiating a deal with Dell that would make it possible to purchase two servers for \$20,000.

Ritschard emphasized that starting such a project would require a long-term commitment by the committee to slowly build the number of servers.

The committee expressed interest in the possibility and asked ENS to provide a detailed report on such a project.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 21, 2001.

Submitted by
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