Meeting Minutes for Engineering Student Technology Committee

Meeting of October 7, 2003
Engineering Conference Room - 8:00 am

Present: David Bryant (ME), Bryce Eldridge (ECE), Ryan Fleming (CE), Miranda Grote (intra), Tim Hinerman (ME), Doug Hopper (ME), Derek Johnson (ChemE), Shawn Klawitter (ChemE), Kate McDonnell (ECE), Dave Miller (ChemE), Mark Ritschard (ENS), Prof. Hiroshi Sakurai (ME), Assoc. Dean Tom Siller (Acad. Affairs), Prof. Ranil Wickramasinghe (ChemE)

Absent: Klaus Hartinger (ECE), Prof. Kevin Lear (ECE), Arun Nair (CE), Tony Zancanella (CE)

- Welcome and Introductions
- Corrections to previous meeting’s minutes (9/30/03)
  Some discussion took place on the charges for conferences, but no changes were offered. Siller moved and Hopper seconded that the minutes be accepted as is. The motion carried.
- Changing the lock on the Electronic Classroom
  Ritschard reported that Dr. Abt agreed to fund the lock change.
- Proposals

Proposals are in hand from Mechanical Engineering, but the ones for Chemical Eng. and Biomedical Eng. have not been submitted. Rather than deciding on the proposals from ME, the committee discussed at length how to use this year's Strategic Initiatives funds. Although no decisions were made, the committee asked Ritschard to send the missing proposals to the committee if/when they are received. Acknowledgement was also made that last year's committee desired strong consideration of the Biomed proposal. To close the discussion, Klawitter requested that the committee talk with constituents and carefully consider what should be done with this year's Strategic Initiatives funds. In particular the committee should consider:

1) Should all the money be spent now?
2) Are other items coming up?
3) Are there ideas from committee members? Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

- Tabled agenda items

  Print credits review
  Security camera feedback from ENS (item from last year)
  Scholarships (how they are awarded)

- Issues for ENS

  1) Computers & Sunrays in ChemE lounge need attention
  2) Provide tips for using older laptops for presentations
  3) the c-clamps on the printer chains are too easy to take off
  4) What is the cost of a customized Smart Card (mag strip & design)?
  5) What is the cost of a Smart Card reader?

- Next meeting

  The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 28, at 8am, in the Engineering Conference Room.

Submitted by
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