Meeting Minutes for Engineering Student Technology Committee

Meeting of March 2, 2004
Engineering Conference Room - 8:00 am

Present: David Bryant (ME), Bryce Eldridge (ECE), Miranda Grote (intra),
    Klaus Hartinger (ECE), Doug Hopper (ME), Derek Johnson (ChemE),
    Shawn Klawitter (ChemE), Dave Miller (ChemE), Mark Ritschard (ENS),
    Matt Rogers (Atmos), Heidi Shray (ECE)

Absent: Ryan Fleming (CE), Tim Hinerman (ME), Prof. Kevin Lear (ECE),
    Liz Lipp (intra), Arun Nair (CE), Prof. Hiroshi Sakurai (ME),
    Assoc. Dean Tom Siller (Acad. Affairs),
    Prof. Ranil Wickramasinghe (ChemE), Tony Zancanella (CE)

- Previous meetings' minutes (12/2/03, 2/3/04, 2/10/04)
    All approved with no corrections.

- Internet Cafe vendor
    "Zuba's" is now the official vendor in the Internet Cafe. A request to prop the door
open during business hours (to allow customer access without using the card reader) was
approved. It was emphasized that the door should remain locked when Zubas is not
open.

- Student Proposals
    Ritschard brought the following proposals to the committee that were verbally
mentioned to him by students.
    1) Install a video conference room - will not be considered, both because of
            unknown usage to students and expense
    2) Sound system for the Internet Cafe for meetings - will be considered;
            Ritschard will bring an estimate
    3) Surround sound in LMDS Studio 7 to go with the Plasma Display
            - are ya serious? not considered...
    4) Clocks for the LMDS. The committee approved spending approximately
        $20 to install two "large" clocks; Ritschard will coordinate purchase. It was
            emphasized that the batteries should *last*.

- Proposals from ENS
    Ritschard noted that ENS would like the committee to consider two proposals for
the computer labs:

1) Provide more ergonomic tables with better viewing in the Electronic Classroom
2) Fund and maintain an electronic classroom at the ERC. This would enhance the current computer lab by adding 10 stations and making it more conducive for instruction. The college will provide a better room if funded.

The committee agreed to hear both proposals as part of the budget planning process for next year.

- AERC proposal

The AERC proposal to increase the number of stations at the ERC has not been addressed. Klawitter agreed to include the proposal as part of next year's budget considerations.

- Tracking usage of computers

In order for the committee to better understand future requests for additional computers, it asked Ritschard to generate usage statistics over time for all of the ENS labs. Ritschard agreed to look into it.

- Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 23, at 8am, in the Engineering Conference Room.

Submitted by
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