Engineering Student Technology Committee (ESTC)
February 28, 2008

Titan Studio Classroom, 04:00pm

In Attendance – Christina Canter, chair (CBE), Chris Klumph (ECE), Mark Ritschard (ENS), Tiffany Suekama (CBE), Derek Bonner (ECE), Brad Reichel (CEE), Ryan Horn (CEE)

Absent - Prof. Mazdak Arabi (CEE), Becky Adams (Atmos), Prof. Ricky Kwok (ECE), Lucas Oehlerking (ME), Vladimir Shestak (ECE), Prof. David Wang (CBE), Prof. Tom Siller (Acad. Affairs), David Lerach (Atmos), Prof. Taka Ito (Atmos), David Grzenia (CBE), Kris Bruun (CEE)

Minutes Approval

- October 19 – approved unanimously
- December 7 – approved unanimously

Follow-Up on Letter to Tony Maciejewski
- Derek Bonner was set to draft a letter to the department head of ECE, Tony Maciejewski as decided by the last meeting. The letter was not finished, but will be done on the next meeting on March 10th.

Telephones
- Professors have requested that telephones be put into the Titan and Viking labs.
- The price would be $144/year plus and one time installation fee for each phone.
- Suggestions made that the phones would also be good for safety reasons.
  - Motion made to put phones in all ENS teaching labs, which currently don't have one. They would be funded on next year's budget.
  - Approved unanimously.

Inform Students
- Derek Bonner suggested the committee should inform students that their technology increases from last year were fulfilled.
- The Director and the Chair will send an email to all engineering students informing them of this information.

Room Reservations
Brad Reichel expressed concern about students reserving an entire classroom for a small group. For example, the reservation of the Titan Classroom for a group of 3 or 4 people, when the classroom has 20 thin clients to accommodate students. The students making the reservation don't restrict other students for working on the other computers, but it makes them uncomfortable.
- Could we keep a lab free from student reservations?
  - The GIS lab would be good.
- Could we reserve a certain amount of computers instead of studios?
  - This is difficult to do.

What is going on with Stardust?
Currently two doors need to be put in so students can enter the lab. Facilities quoted ENS at $11,000 for the installation. ENS felt this price was too much and asked for clarification. As a result, concern was raised by ENS and the College of Engineering about the price of projects. Because of this dispute, facilities put on hold all projects for the College of Engineering, including quotes for any new projects. At present, the dispute is unresolved.
- Should the committee take action?
  - This committee has great concern of these events because of the projects we fund which are not able to be utilized by students (Stardust).
  - Should the committee write a letter of concern?
    - Mark Ritschard will speak with the Dean of Engineering about the best course of action to take.
  - Brad Reichel will contact the Provost about setting up a meeting to express the committee concerns.

Next Years Budget
- Review of the current year's budget.
- "Network Maintenance" listed in the current budget should be replaced with "Network Replacement Plan".
- Is there accountability for the departments to represent the needs of the students?
  - The committee can set the percentage of department fees that can be placed towards software.
- Mark Ritschard will send out the budget worksheet for the committee members to look over.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm. The next meeting will be scheduled by the chair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Canter