

Engineering Student Technology Committee

Meeting minutes for December 5th, 2008 – Titan Studio Classroom – 4 pm

Present: Brad Reichel (CEE), Tom Siller (Acad. Affairs), Prof. Mazdak Arabi (CEE), Mark Ritschard (ENS), Prof. Tom Bradley (ME), Ross Bulkley (ME), Hannah Hudson (ME), *guest* Dan Herrick

Absent: Tiffany Suekama (CBE), David Grzenia (CBE), Leah Belval (ECE), Mark Berrill (ECE), Prof. Ricky Kwok (ECE), David Lerach (Atmos)

Introductions and Attendance

Corrections to previous minutes

None

Committee Overview

Mark Ritschard gave an explanation of the Charge for Technology and general budgeting process.

Assistive Technology Fund

The issue of the assistive technology fund was discussed. It has been suggested that perhaps the school should move you a flat fee that each department pays rather than a percentage of technology fee model that is currently in use and may unfairly collect from engineering which has the largest fee. Brad R. and Ross B. agreed to into the issue and deliver feedback by February. Mark R. agreed to provide them will information that he has about the issue. There will be a meeting in March to discuss the issue.

Allison Residence Hall

It was proposed that Allison Residence Hall engineering computer lab be closed. Tom Siller informed the committee of the background of the lab and housing's desire that the room be returned to them. Mark R. disclosed that the lab does exhibit use. The committee discussed the close proximity of the residence hall to the engineering building, the savings that would come from closing the lab, and alternatives to closing the lab. A vote was called to close the lab and suggest to housing that clusters of sunrays be made available in the lounge areas of engineering student floors. The vote passed unanimously.

ECE Proposal

ECE's proposal to trade already purchased monitors for PC's for a fourth lab was considered. There was explanation of the situation in which ECE had purchased monitors on their own and had not informed ENS of the fact. ENS has in possession nearly 40 monitors which ECE has no use for. The request was that the monitors be traded for PCs that would be placed in an unfunded ECE lab. The committee discussed possible uses for the monitors and rather quickly came to the conclusion that the ECE would not be granted. A vote was called and passed unanimously to deny to request.

ENS Proposal

Dan Herrick explained to the committee his request that the floor plan of the Anderson Computer Lab be rearranged and that a Student Tech office be formed. He presented drawings with two floor plans. There was some discussion about Anderson Computer Lab and its general discomfort and lack of use. Dan explained that a net loss of 4 seats would occur with the reordering of the room, but two design studios would remain. The committee agreed that the rearrangement would be fine so long as the seats that were lost were sunrays and not PCs. A vote was called and the proposal was passed unanimously.