Engineering Student Technology Committee

Meeting minutes for February 27th, 2009 – Titan Studio Classroom – 4 pm

Present: Brad Reichel (CEE), Dan Herrick (guest), Ross Bulkley (ME), Hannah Hudson (ME), Mark Berrill (ECE)

Absent: David Grzenia (CBE), Leah Belval (ECE), Prof. Ricky Kwok (ECE), Tom Siller (ACAD), Prof. Tom Bradley (ME), Prof. Mazdak Arabi (CEE)

Introductions and Attendance

Corrections to previous minutes
None

Lab Printers
    Dan Herrick presented to the committee his proposal to change the cost schedule for lab printers. The proposal included introducing two new tiers of costs so that smaller printers could be introduced into low use areas. Dan explained that the overall cost of printer replacement would remain very close to what it has historically been. The committee agreed that the new cost schedule made sense and a vote was held to adopt it. The vote passed unanimously.
    Dan also brought forth the proposal from Dr. Aurand that a small black and white printer be added to the ECE Real Time lab. The committee discussed that the proposed printer would be used solely by ECE students as no other discipline is permitted into the lab. It was decided that the purchase of a printer for the Real Time lab was not proper usage of the Charge for Technology and a vote was held to reject the proposal. The vote passed unanimously.
    The committee looked over current printer usage. It was decided that the GIS lab saw little benefit from the presence of having a large color printer and a large black and white printer. Furthermore, in the interest of allocating space for the addition of more seats in the lab, the committee agreed that the printers should be small printers. The committee held a vote to replace the large printers in the GIS lab with small printers and it passed unanimously.
    The cost savings of removing the large printers from the GIS lab opened the possibility of placing a small color printer in the Internet café. The increase in cost was thought to be minimal and a vote was held to add a small color printer the Internet café. The vote passed unanimously

Strategic Initiatives Fund Possibilities
    Dan brought to attention the possibility of converting the BC infill into a lab similar to the internet café. The committee agreed that it may be possible to improve the Internet café in some way through use of the Strategic Initiative Fund. There was discussion of how best to approach the change in the BC-infill. It was understood that might not be in the best interest of the students who currently utilize the space. The possibility of swapping the Anderson lab space for the BC-infill space was discussed and rejected. In the end, it was agreed that it may be possible to add partitions and additional Sunrays to the BC-infill so as to make better use of the space. It was also agreed that the discussion would continue at a later date.