Meeting Minutes for Engineering Student Technology Committee

Meeting: 3 Decemeber 2009
        7:30am Dean's Conference Room

Attending: Leah Belval (ECE), Mark Berrill (ECE), Prof. Thom Chen (ECE), Ryan Friese (ECE), Hannah
        Hudson, *chair* (ME), Katie Marshall (CBE), Syndi Nettles-Anderson (ME) , Nick Parazoo (ATS), Mark
        Ritschard (ENS), Steve Rosnowski (CE), Nick Sansoni (CE), Kevin Warner (ME) , Derek Williams (intra)

Not Attending: Prof. Tom Bradley (ME), Prof. Brian Bledsoe (CE), Ross Davenport (CE), Prof. Taka Ito
        (ATS), Rachel McCrary (ATS), Prof. Ashok Prasad (CBE), Prof. Tom Siller (Academic Affairs),

Guest Attending: Dan Herrick

-Review of 17 Nov. meeting minutes
        Unanimous approval

-Review of overall software expenditures and permitted CFT percentages
        Ritschard states that ESTC pays for hardware for open labs for the colleges
        Committee feels that something should be done to keep hardware up to spec but that software
is necessary. Perhaps make a rule that departments must set aside a certain amount for hardware
replacements.   Committee unanimously approves and legitimizes the 80% rule that is currently in place

-Ideas for partitions in Magellan
        Ritschard reviews the state of the partitions in Magellan and brings up that they are perhaps
due for replacement. He mentions the partitions in the Academic Village labs are part solid and part
glass. The upgrade to these type of partitions in Magellan would cost roughly $40,000. He also
mentions an option to upgrade to taller partitions, if not the glass ones, still expensive, ~ $30,000.
        Committee feels that the money could be better spend on technology related things, also that
taller partitions make the lab harder to use and might encourage inappropriate behavior.
        No decision made

-Request to place Sun Rays in Allison Hall study lounge
        Ritschard reviews that last year the 20 seat computer lab in Allison was closed. Now the
engineers living their want the computers back, also other students would like computer kiosks. Dr.
Siller and Connie requested 5 computers to go in the study lounge in Allison. Total this will cost $1000 a
year
        Motion made to approve 5 computers for the Allison study lounge
        Unanimous approval of motion

-Review of the University Charges for Technology (Assistive Technology Fee and Printing)
        -Assistive Technology Fee
        Hudson brings up that ESTC pays a large tax to UCFT for the Assistive Technology Fee. The
revenue from the technology fee of the College of Engineering is very high despite low number of
students, meaning that Engineers are essentially paying more to the Assistive Technology Fee than is
really appropriate or fair. Hudson proposes a change of legislature that would make the tax for the

Assistive Technology Fee a set amount per student that would essentially be independent of the technology fee. This movement would be much stronger with the support of the committee

        Committee indicates support for this type of change

-Printing

        Ritschard reviews ASCSUs resolution to make printing free in the library and that there is a strong desire for cheap printing in the library, it is currently very expensive (15¢ per page), as well as uniform printing across campus. Currently many colleges have an agreement that when a student not in the college takes a class they are set up with some print credits from the college they are taking the class. This means those students get some access to labs. College of Engineering spends about $15,000 a year for printing supplies and $10,000 a year for printer hardware.

        Chen mentions outsourcing the printing to Copyright, subsidizing the printing to a certain quota

        Committee has concerns with it being expensive and that ENS maintenance is better than any that Copyright could provide. The committee is happy with what we have and it is convenient, where if we outsourced it is likely that would be considerably less convenient for engineering students. The committee supports work by students for students and enjoys the exclusivity of labs.

        Overall message is that the committee is not interested in campus wide printing, though we would not fight it as long as it didn't change what we currently have.