

Meeting Minutes for Engineering Student Technology Committee

Meeting: 11 March 2010

Attending: Leah Belval (ECE), Mark Berrill (ECE), Hannah Hudson, *chair* (ME), Katie Marshall (CBE), Syndi Nettles-Anderson (ME), Prof. Ashok Prasad (CBE), Mark Ritschard (ENS), Kevin Warner (ME),

Not Attending: Prof. Tom Bradley (ME), Prof. Brian Bledsoe (CE), Prof. Thom Chen (ECE), Ross Davenport (CE), Ryan Friese (ECE), Prof. Taka Ito (ATS), Rachel McCrary (ATS), Nick Parazoo (ATS), Steve Rosnowski (CE), Nick Sansoni (CE), Prof. Tom Siller (Academic Affairs), Derek Williams (intra)

-Review of 25 Feb. 2010 minutes

Unanimous approval

-ESTC Policy on Loaner Laptops

Marshall reports that the CBE loaner laptops are specifically formatted for the CBE classes
Committee agrees that it sounds as though CBE having a laptop would be beneficial for students

Vote for approval of CBE laptop

Approved, Berrill abstained

General policy on the committee not funding individual department computers will stand, if a department wants a computer they will need to present their request to the committee formally

-Ritschard discusses the loaner laptops available and what the students want.

There is currently a range of computers, a few more powerful laptops, many mid range and a few net books. Is there any interest in having Macs or many more powerful computers for running heavy computations

Committee response in general is that the current range of computers is fine; there is not a strong need for running heavy computation outside of the engineering building

-Change to CFT manual to allow paying employee wages from CFT funds

Ritschard presents background on issue and reviews the history of current policy. UCTC voted down the original proposal to allow paying employee wages so ESTC made a deal with the COE for the college to pay for a lab manager and ESTC would give them money back in the form of technology. Applied Human Sciences is proposing a change to the policy.

Committee does not like the idea of being committed to funding a long term staff position because of complications if budget issues arise and the situation of pulling funding for that staff

Hudson proposes the option of hiring temporary, contracted positions with guidelines about the contract to prevent abuse of the policy

Berrill questions if this could allow for more positions for students

Nettles-Anderson suggests that student workers lead to more pride in the college and better care.

Committee currently will vote down this policy change, though if the proposal were changed to support contractual positions we would be more open to that – Ritschard will report this to UCTC

-Committee likes the idea of applying more money to software training

ENS would have money to hire more students trained in specific programs to then train other students; they would be a valuable resource for project groups

-Cost for Food/Drink policy change

Dan Herrick sends (as requested) the costs for revoking the no food/drink policy in the COE computer labs. Total cost increase is \$4510

Motion to approve cost increase

Unanimous approval

-Strategic Initiatives

Currently there is approximately \$90,000 in the unallocated funds of the budget; the committee should consider finding things to use this money for

Email will be sent to all faculty, staff and students to solicit ideas for the use of this money

Perhaps revisit some of the ideas discussed last year

Sheet1

Estimated cost increase due to food/drink policy

Total: \$4,510.00

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Student Lab Assistant wages	\$3,000.00
Replacement PC equipment (keyboards, mice)	\$520.00
Additional Cleaning Supplies	\$240.00
Vacuum Cleaner & Dustbuster	\$750.00