

## **Meeting Minutes of the Engineering Student Technology Committee (ESTC)**

**Meeting:** 25 April 2012

5:00 p.m. in Engineering Dean's Conference Room

**In Attendance:** Tucker Kern (ECE), Isaac Medina (ATS), Chair Anthony Navarro (ECE), Nick Reidel (ME), Peter Reido (ME), Todd Zurlinden (CBE)

**Not In Attendance:** Adam Allevato (ME), Nathan Baker (CEE), Professor Thomas Birner (ATS), Jesse Jankowski (CEE), Professor John Labadie (CEE), Professor Kevin Lear (ECE/SBME), Professor Ketul Popat (ME), Professor Ashok Prasad (CBE), Mark Ritschard (Assistant Dean for Operations, *ex officio*), Miriah Schwartz (CBE), Professor Tom Siller (ADAA, *ex officio*), R.B. Stuart (CBE), Elizabeth Thompson (ATS), Dalton Young (ECE)

**Guests:** Angie Addie (ENS), Dan Herrick (ENS)

### **-Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes have been revised, the revision will be sent out for approval at the next meeting.

### **-2013 Budget**

There was general discussion of the 2013 budget and Herrick presented changes for labs spending. Herrick also brought up for discussion the possibility of replacing the 5 PCs located in the MERC computer lab with Wyse thin clients. The committee decided to postpone the final decision on the MERC computers until the next meeting. Reido will test out the Wyse thin clients to see if he feels that they will be able to meet the needs of students at MERC currently being served by the PCs.

Herrick showed the committee past and current salary spending for student workers. Based upon current and past spending on salaries, ENS will be able to give their student workers raises without any change in the amount currently budgeted.

Departmental allocations of funds were discussed. There is currently a baseline maintenance fund of \$5,000 provided to each department with additional allocations given to each department for software based upon enrollment numbers and lab management allotments that have traditionally been based upon participation by departments into contribution to the lab manager position. Herrick reiterated that this model is what has been used in the past but the committee may change if they choose to.

There was discussion regarding what to do with unallocated funds, including the option of increasing departmental funds.

Further discussion regarding the budget will continue at the next ESTC meeting, at which time a finalized budget will be voted on.

### **-Leadership**

Zurlinden and Reido spoke to the committee about their rationale for wanting to be chair and their qualifications. Both Zurlinden and Reido were asked to leave the room while the committee discussed each candidate and took a vote. Reido was selected as the next chair for the ESTC for 2013.