Meeting minutes of the Engineering Student Technology Committee (ESTC)

Meeting: 28 October, 2014
5:00 p.m. in Scott Bioengineering 203 (Board Room)

In attendance: Sean Brustuen (CE), Danny Dauwe (ECE), Kristine Fischenich (SBME), Dan Herrick (ENS, ex officio), Adam Kattnig (ECE), Arunachalam Lakshminarayanan (ME), Mark Lunt (CBE), Professor Chris O’Dell (ATS), Brad Reichel (CE), James Ruppert (ATS), Aaron Smull (ECE)

Not in attendance: Professor Rebecca Atadero (CE), Abdullah BaGais (CBE), Briana Chamberlain (CBE), Professor Patrick Fitzhorn (ME), Landan MacDonald (ATS), Alex Mitchell (ME), Dalton Noren (Intra-departmental), Professor Professor Sourajeet Roy (ECE), Professor Tom Siller (ADAA, ex officio), Professor Christopher Snow (CBE)

Guests: Angie Branson (ENS)

Approval of meeting minutes (10/14/14)
Minutes from 10/14/14 were approved

Policies Review
Herrick reviewed policies set by ESTC and answered questions from committee members. Two specific policy areas reviewed were loaner item policies and lab policies. All policies set and maintained by the ESTC are posted on the ESTC website. While reviewing lab policies, there was discussion of card reader access which has switched over to the proximity card reader system. Currently, only Engineering students and students taking an Engineering class have access to labs. Herrick asked the committee to consider whether the general lab access doors should be open during regular hours. The suggestion made by the committee was to run a trial period and place signage at each lab notifying students of the change.

Budget review
Herrick reviewed the major budget line items.

Internet Cafe Redesign
The long-term Internet Café redesign proposal to the college was disapproved. Herrick explained that the room was originally built as a joint-funded venture between the ESTC and the college. After discussion with the departments, they still want the space to be available for departmental functions. The redesign plans have been revised with input from departments. Several options were presented. The committee members decided to review the designs and discuss again at a future meeting.

Cyber Security Proposal
The committee received a proposal for equipment that would support a new ECE course, a couple of existing courses, and potential senior projects. The proposal is projected to support 59+ students. The request was for $1,800 in funding from ESTC to purchase 4 computers. The proposal indicated that there is already additional funding and support from outside organizations to supplement the funds being requested. The committee discussed the proposal and a motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned - 6:58 pm