

ESTC Minutes
Engineering Student Technology Committee
April 6, 2020
3-4pm
Emergency Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present:

ATS : Jhordanne Jones, Prof. Michael Bell
CBE : Taylor Baker
CEE :
ECE : Carsten Dietvorst, Drew Rackow
ME : Caitlin Robinson
SE : Jayesh Narsinghani
Intra-departmental : Michael Townsend
SBME :
Ex-Officio : Kelley Branson (ETS), Dr. Anthony Marchese (Assoc Dean AA)
Guest : Laura Marker (ETS), Nick Stratton (ETS)

Absent:

ATS : Ben Toms
CBE : Zeus Alcon, Yan Wang, Prof. David Wang
CEE : Sydney McDonald, Thomas Mayer, Hannah Gridley, Prof. Ryan Morrison
ECE : Prof. Ryan Kim
ME : Michael Sartini, Neelufar Aghazamani, Prof. Haile Endeshaw
SE : Prof. Jim Cale, Harshwardhan Ketkale
Intra-departmental :
SBME : Will Raymond
Ex-Officio :

This meeting was called in order to discuss the urgent matter of refunding print credits to students since they are unable to use them currently, not being allowed on campus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

New Business

Print Credits and COVID

Dr. Anthony Marchese gave a brief summary of a print credit issue that was raised to the Dean. Given the decline in personal printers, Engineering students are given a \$21.00 credit per year for printing out of the CFT income.

Laura noted that less than \$1500 had been paid for additional print credits above and beyond the initial default CFT print credits. These are credits that students, staff and faculty can purchase with their own money (or CSU accounts). Nick informed the committee that the \$21.00 print credit is not equivalent to a \$21.00 deduction from the CFT account. It should not be equated to real money.

There was general agreement that the \$21.00 print credit should not be refundable as it is part of the non-refundable CFT charge. There was general agreement that because print credits roll over to the next year for non-graduating students, non-seniors should probably not be eligible for print credit refunds.

Nick suggested that ETS could act as a print service for students so that print credits could be used during the pandemic. There are already ETS Support students rotating onto campus to do hands-on work with an ETS staff member present.

After some discussion regarding background logistics, Carsten motioned to make an automatic payment refunding all graduating students any credits paid above and beyond the annual allotment from beginning of Spring Semester forward. Drew seconded, and the motion passed without objection.

ETS Providing Print Services

Drew noted that some professors might require handwritten exams on printed exams as a countermeasure against academic fraud, and ETS print services would be a profound help for students in such situations. Kelley agreed, citing the printing of theses and other papers needing to be physically produced, and described some of the COVID-19 safety measures that are already in place for the protection of ETS employees currently working on campus repairing and setting up computers and to prepare for Fall semester.

Anthony noted that there was the possibility of printing service abuse for trivial matters, and Nick suggested that the language used in the announcement could help limit requests. Michael and Kelley pointed out that accessibility would be an issue, and the difficulty of retrieving printed documents on campus would help limit the requests.

Drew motioned to support ETS in providing emergency print services. Carsten seconded, and the motion passed without objection. Kelley and Nick will write up a proposal for this and submit to the Dean as Dr. Marchese suggested the Dean needs to clear students on campus.

ESTC Chair

Please submit your nominations for the ESTC Chair for the 2020-2021 academic year to Carsten by Friday, 2020-04-10, at 16:00MDT.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by Drew Rackow with modifications by Kelley Branson.