



University Technology Fee Advisory Board

Minutes – March 19, 2007

Weber 202

Members in Attendance: Ben Griffiths, Chair, Natural Sciences; Matt Linton, At-Large; Shannon Dyer, CVMBS; Lynn Spishak, Natural Resources; Beverly Levy, Applied Human Sciences; Sage Morris-Green, Vice Chair, Liberal Arts; Tamla Blunt, Grad School; Ryan Truxal, Engineering; Jason Huitt, ACNS, Advisor; Pat Burns, VPIT, Advisor

I. Call to Order – 4:37PM

II. Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2007 Meeting - Minutes approved 8-0

III. Presentations

- CSU IT Status Update – Dr. Pat Burns, VPIT
 - In terms of funding and staffing, ACNS provides a great deal of service to the campus with fewer resources than our peer institutions.
 - Update on SIS Hardware Refresh: Total projected cost of upgrade is \$345,725. Proposed UTFAB contribution at 50% is \$172,862. The 2006-2007 UTFAB group voted to carry over \$150K from FY07 funds with the expressed purpose of funding the SIS Hardware Refresh in FY08.
 - From an advisory perspective, there is sufficient money to do a lot of “good”. Dr. Burns recommends no fee increase for FY08, instead encouraging the group to prioritize projects within the bounds of currently projected revenue for the next fiscal year.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

- Library Laptops
 - The group entered discussion concerning the proposed addition of 20 MacBook laptops at the Library. Members expressed a desire to maintain the current fleet compliment, without expanding the program given a lack of demonstrated demand. In one member’s opinion, if aesthetics are the issue driving the proposed addition of MacBooks given that both types of laptops have the same software compliment, then other projects should be given priority as they could provide more benefit to students than a more familiar user interface.
 - Motion to decrease the number of new MacBooks from 20 to 10, also decreasing the number of replacement PC laptops from 85 to 75:
Approved 7-0

- Priority Ranking
 - Members ranked each proposed project from 1 to 11 based on priority. Eight members cast ballots, results as follows: SIS, SIS Hardware Refresh, Library Technology, Classroom Technology, Departmental Classroom Upgrades, Wireless Network Expansion, Computer Classrooms, Kiosk Expansion Project, Podcasting, Document Cameras and Lifts, Video-on-Demand
- Wireless Network Expansion
 - Members discussed the priority of the Wireless Network Expansion relative to other projects on the list. Discussion revolved around outdoor network coverage providing less academic benefit than classroom coverage. Members expressed a desire to see a revised proposal next year that focused more on additional coverage in academic buildings and classrooms that do not currently have coverage.
 - Motion to lower the priority of Wireless Network Expansion to the bottom of the priority list: Approved 6-1
- Podcasting / Kiosks
 - Members discussed the possibility of increasing the priority of Podcasting versus Kiosks for the official record, and because they generally agreed that the Podcasting project had more potential for academic benefit.
 - Motion to increase the priority of Podcasting by one ranking, while decreasing the priority of the Kiosk Expansion Project by one ranking: Approved 3-2
- Feasible Scenarios
 - Based on projected revenue and carry over figures, there will be approximately \$1.16 million available for project funding. Given the agreed upon priority list, the following projects can be funded with available funds: SIS (\$462K), SIS Hardware Refresh (\$173K), Library Technology (as amended, \$218K), Classroom Technology (\$175K), Departmental Classroom Upgrades (\$60K, 50% matching funds by department), Computer Classrooms (\$75K, jointly funded with UFFAB and CFT funds). Total of \$1.163 million. Motion to approve funded projects list: Approved 8-0
 - The following projects will not be funded in FY08 by UTFAB: Podcasting, Kiosk Expansion Project, Document Cameras and Lifts, Wireless Network Expansion, Video-on-Demand. Motion to approve “do not fund” list: Approved 8-0
- Fee Increase Discussion
 - Members indicate broad student support for a moderate increase to the University Technology Fee. Members generally agree that additional funds available will facilitate enhanced learning environment.
 - Members also mentioned that all fees are going up, and have been for several years.

- Motion to increase the University Technology Fee: Fails 4-4 (As the Chair voted during initial voting on this motion, the Chair was unable to vote again to break the tie. Motion failed for lack of a majority.)

VI. Next Meeting – April 2, 2007 at 4:30PM in Weber 202

- Student E-mail Discussion
- Also note that Burns and Huitt will be presenting the FY08 University Technology Fee package to the Student Fee Review Board on Monday, March 26 at 4:00PM in LSC203. UTFAB member attendance is welcomed and encouraged!

VII. Adjourned – 6:24PM

Minutes submitted by Jason Huitt