Committee on Academic Technology
January 28, 2011 - Cudahy 414 (1:30-3:00pm)

Minutes

Recorder: Michael Class, S.J.

Reflection/Prayer: Michael Class, S.J.

Attendees: Connie Bauer, Bruce Boyden, Marilyn Bratt, David Buckholdt, Michael Class, Scott D'Urso, Kathy Lang, Barrett McCormick, Gary Meyer, Lars Olson, Jon Pray, Jame Scjaefer, Heidi Schweizer, Christopher Stockdale, Thomas Wirtz

Excused: Janice Welburn, Kaleb Vinehout

Approval of Minutes

• December 17, 2011 Approved as Amended

Information Items and Administrative Reports

• Fair use committee and webinar (Pray)
  A committee on copyright and fair use has been formed, in response to a settlement that requires faculty training in this. (Handout) Committee is looking for the limits within which we should be operating. Webinar with folks from Rhode Island Institute of Art and Design. Linking materials via D2L offers MU some protections because it is password protected and limited to enrolled students of a given class. this whole topic is in flux as the electronic publishing age is just dawning. Creative Commons is a new form of copyright with new limitations for use.

• Research Task Force - data management plans (Olson)
  National Science Foundation requires a data management plan as a pre-req for grant applications. This will require data being made universally available. Jan 18, 2011 was start date for this policy. The question is HOW do we make this data available? Library is interested in facilitating, and will survey faculty as to needs. Probably will require an investment in data storage for archiving data sets for this requirement. ORSP has boilerplate text available for faculty to use in their grant applications.

• Tablet computers (attached)
  Article given out. We are reacting and not being proactive in this area.
  Lack of access to D2L from mobile devices is already problematic. Communication is considering mandating iPads. Textbooks can be loaded.
This is a decision that should be university wide because students cannot be hindered with competing standards across colleges, (perhaps a subcommittee of CAT). BusAd has ITS investigating a Cloud Suite for Fall 2011. We need to hear from the students who are here now working with smart devices.

Directions for textbooks is also rapidly changing.

Three issues to pursue: (1) Cloud Computing; (2) Hardware Guidelines/Minimums (3) Nature of Computing

- Other information items (none)

**Continuing Business**

- Technology survey update
  
  Beta version is up, asking committee members to try it out and report on issues that arise.

- Clickers
  
  e-Instruction Clicker has been found to be unreliable for test taking. i-Clicker claims to be bringing out a model that will do alphanumeric entry.

**New Business**

- Committee membership; 2011-12 needs
  
  o Chairperson (Stockdale on sabbatical)
  
  o Bratt, Class, D'Urso and Schaefer (term ends 2011)

**Other Business**