Minutes
Committee on Academic Technology
April 29, 2011
1:30PM-3:00PM.

Present: Bruce Boyden, Marilyn Bratt, Mike Class, S.J., Scott D’Urso, Kathy Lang, , Jon Pray, Jame Schaefer, Heidi Schweizer, Christopher Stockdale, Janice Welburn, Christian Whitman, Pat Loftis, Michelle Mynlieff, Leslie Boaz, Laura Matthews

Excused: David Buckholdt, Barrett McCormick, Gary Meyer, Lars Olson, Tom Wirtz, Connie Bauer

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of 3-25-2011 approved by acclamation.

Information Items and Administrative Reports
1. Welcome of new members to replace committee members whose terms have ended: Pat Loftis (College of Health Sciences), Michelle Mynlieff (Arts and Science), Leslie Boaz (College of Nursing), Laura Matthews (History)
2. CAT Chair 2011-2012: Mike Class was nominated and confirmed by acclamation.
3. Jon Pray: VHS as supported media is nearing end of manufacturing. Eventually, this format will be phased out and classrooms will not have the ability to play VHS media. Faculty need to begin the process of conversion to DVD. Faculty will be supported in this process.

Continuing Business
1. Technology Survey: Chris Stockdale has received preliminary reports, which need to be further reviewed and finalized prior to forwarding to Academic Senate. Reports will be sent to departments/colleges and will have future online access. Departments/colleges will have individualized reports available via SharePoint. Chris will send an email to the Deans regarding the data and they will receive a full report. Approximately 400 people completed the survey resulting in a 32% response rate.
2. E-Textbooks: Many issues involved with this new format, which need to be addressed with individual publishers
3. Cloud-Computing: In response to the proposal from Dr. Jim McGibany, College of Business Administration, discussion ensued as to the issues surrounding the licensing, security, access, and use of this type of computing. Further discussion is needed.
4. Hardware/software Considerations (Kathy Lang): There is a need to explore a policy regarding the notion of “bring your own computer/bring your own device” as an alternative to university supplied computers for faculty. This is partially driven from the expense of computer replacement programs and the insufficient funds to replace needed computers/year. Providing stipends to faculty for this purpose is a possibility, however, tax implications need to be considered. This will require further discussion.
5. I-Clickers (Jon Pray): The newest generation of clickers is I-Clicker 2 that provides alpha-numeric entry option. A new base station is needed for operation. Beginning in fall semester, the bookstore will begin to only stock this newest version, which will cost $40.00. They will buy back the older version for $12.00.
6. Other: Mc-Graw Hill will grant faculty access to their published textbooks even if faculty to do currently use any of their textbooks. This will require registration with McGraw Hill.

Subcommittee Work

1. Subcommittee work: Members were dispersed to their appropriate committees to continue prior work. Subcommittees are charged with exploring issues forwarded with minutes from prior meeting and identify strategic goals for the next academic year.

   a. E-Textbooks: Gary Meyer, Barrett McCormick, Janice Welburn Heidi Schweizer, Bruce Boyden, Jon Pray

   b. Cloud Computing: Kathy Lang, Mike Class, Christopher Stockdale, Connie Bauer

   c. Hardware/Software: Scott D’Urso, Marilyn Bratt, Lars Olson, David Buckholdt Jame Schaefer

Adjournment: 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Marilyn Bratt, College of Nursing