Committee on Academic Technology

Minutes – April 27, 2012

In attendance: Patrick Loftis, Lesley Boaz, Michael Class, S.J., Steven Crane, Steven DeLonge, Kathy Lang, Shaun Longstreet, Laura Matthew, Barrett McCormick, Michelle Mynlieff, George Corliss, Jon Pray, Heidi Schweizer, Janice Welburn, Tom Wirtz, Charles Beckwirth, Bruce Boyden, Gary Meyer

Excused: Scott D’Urso

I. Call to Order

Reflection: Bruce Boyden

Minutes from 3/23/12 unanimously approved without corrections.

II. Future directions for committee

Discussion initiated by Michael Class on future directions of CAT. Reasons for continuation of CAT into the next academic year were discussed and included: to solicit University need, “keep eyes on horizon” of technology, distant learning initiatives, regularly surveying faculty. Soliciting Fr. Pillarz’ input on these discussions also mentioned. Gary Meyer expressed a need to continue CAT, while suggesting its direction could change based on University needs.

Continuing e-textbook discussion felt to be necessary. Pray mentioned new technology on horizon known as Textbook as Portal. Discussed software/hardware committee purpose as well as upcoming student/faculty focus groups. Also discussed ways to make statement to University regarding the importance of funding tech initiatives, especially the CRP program.

Gary Meyer suggested possible subcommittees for next year to include 1) e-textbooks, 2) online learning, 3) software/hardware. Janice Welburn added that communication to the University regarding CAT functions and work should also be a priority in the coming year. Also discussed possible methods for soliciting feedback from faculty.

Lastly, nominations for next year’s chairperson were solicited. Scott D’Urso was mentioned as a possibility and will be contacted by Michael regarding his interest.

Adjourned 3:00. Next meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Loftis