Committee on Academic Technology
October 26, 2012
Approved Minutes

In attendance: Bruce Boyden, Lesley Boaz, Mike Class, Steven Crane, Margaret Cinto, Scott D’Urso, Kathy Lang, Laura Matthew, Heidi Schweizer, Janice Welburn, Tom Wirtz

Excused: Thomas Lenoir, Patrick Loftis, Shaun Longstreet, Barrett McCormick, Gary Meyer, Lars Olson, Jon Pray

Absent: Christopher Stockdale

Reflection: Lesley Boaz

Minutes from Sept. 28, 2012 were approved without corrections.

Committee members present signed up for subcommittees:

Hardware/Software/Infrastructure (chair Patrick Loftis), Scott D’Urso, Tom Wirtz, Lesley Boaz, Kathy Lang

e-Textbook (chair Jon Pray), Bruce Boyden, Laura Matthew, Michael Class, Heidi Schweizer, Steve Crane, Janice Wellburn

Information Items:

Kathy Lang reported that Windows 8 operating system will begin shipping on our machines on November 8, but will be downgraded in order to run with SCCM until SCCM’s scheduled upgrade. There will be training for both Windows 8 and Office 2013 in the Spring 2013.

Continuing Business:

Scott D’Urso opened a conversation on student needs for technology, responding to Gary Meyer’s request for input in September.

-- The College of Communication’s Wakerly Technology Training Center run by Carole Burns is popular with both faculty and students. It is paid for out of the College and is intended for that population, but is feeling the strain of other users; there may be a need for this type of technology support for the rest of campus. Janice Wellburn reported that the library’s digital media studio is also growing quickly; it is only for students. Kathy Lang noted that although Macs are preferred by Communications, other departments such as Engineering have different needs and sometimes their own media centers. Currently, only 30% of students are using Apple for their laptops. Determining where hardware and software needs overlap can help contain costs and avoid redundancy
across departments.

-- More faculty are assigning multimedia work in their courses and are involved in the Digital Humanities. Other institutions have more infrastructure for Digital Humanities than Marquette.

--SPSS is used by Nursing, Education, and other students, but has no technical support on campus. Maggie Cinto noted needs in Education for video cameras to film student teaching.

--Tom Wirtz noted that technical support is needed to help students and faculty pull and consolidate material between devices, given the pace of changing technology.

--Archiving issues: can students have access to the Institutional Repository for digital portfolios, etc.? Digital preservation is also an issue; there is currently no one place where everything goes.

--Scott D’Urso requested that committee members talk with their colleges about student needs. Should attempts to meet those needs be campus-wise, or college-centered?

New Business:

Scott-D’Urso asked what this committee can to do promote technology on campus. Without budget information, the committee is limited to assessing campus technological needs and keeping abreast of general trends to which the university might respond. It is important to work closely with the Academic Senate to discern those needs, and to communicate the knowledge we accumulate. Scott D’Urso will ask Gary Meyer for budget information and James South for any areas of particular interest to the Academic Senate.

Next meeting will be led by Gary Meyer, and will focus on online teaching w/ Heidi Schweizer. The December meeting may be canceled.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Matthew