Minutes Committee on Academic Technology, Friday March 25, 2011

Chair: Chris Stockdale
Attending: Bruce Boyden, David Buckholdt, Mike Class, S.J., Scott D’Urso, Kathy Lang, Barrett McCormick, Gary Meyer, Jon Pray, Jame Schaefer, Christopher Stockdale, Janice Welburn, Tom Wirtz, Christian Whitman

Excused: Marilyn Bratt

Recording Secretary: Barrett L. McCormick

Reflection: Scott D’Urso

Minutes of previous meeting approved by acclamation

Information Items

Chris: At present, At our next meeting we must elect a chair for the coming year. Mike Class is the only candidate expressing an interest in so serving. He and anyone else interested should supply appropriate information.

Chris: Anyone whose term is expiring and who may wish to continue should communicate with their dean. Scott and Mike Class. Discussion follows concerning other slots on committee for the coming year, including MUSG and GSO reps.

Other Announcements

Kathy Lang and Jon Pray: D2L upgrade coming. Includes mobile web page. Not a genuine app. Requires two day outage to implement. To be installed on August 17 and 18. Data can be carried over to the new system.

Jon Pray: Also discussed Jesuit Net which was a plan for an online degree jointly offered by several Jesuit Institutions. Has catalog of courses from various institutions, most of ours are from the College of Professional Studies. Now collaborating with South American institutions. Now they offer support to individual Jesuit Institutions setting up online offerings.

Janice Welburn: Talk by Clifford Lynch went well, attracted attention from UWM. Further work will concern our future line of work.

Gary Meyer: Apple Webinar which several of those present attended went well. Important benefits to project-based courses. Incorporating assessment as ongoing part of the course. Stresses importance of letting go, allowing students to shape process as course proceeds. Challenge-based education means setting goals for students and allowing them to work out how to meet them. The webinar will be available online for anyone interested shortly. Mike Class will post white paper to share point.

Dave Buckholdt: We have 45 online courses listed for the summer. A quarter to a third are already full. The number of courses available this summer is slightly less than last summer. These may be where there are labs. Most are core courses. There are some new courses. There is still funding for developing new courses.

Breakout to subcommittees: Cloud-Computing (chaired by Kathy Lang), E-Text Books (chaired by Jon Pray) and Hardware/Software Requirements (chaired by Scott D’Urso). Goal for today’s meeting is to set goals for next year’s work. These will be shared at the April meeting. Subcommittees may want to
meet once in the interregnum. Please report subcommittee work to Chris by April 20.
Future work for the whole committee is to draw in representatives from other colleges.