

Information Technology Advisory Council (ITAC)

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, December 14, 2006 in EPC 304C

Members in attendance: David Anderson, Daniel Szarkowski, Jackie Crouch, Jerry Wilson, Julie Wheeler, Kirk Moore, Leslie Manning, Tony Beld, Yvonne Bogard

OLD BUSINESS

1. Web content

- a. Kirk indicated that a web content manager—Collage—will be used for campus Web pages, but didn't know when it would be available; when it is, designers will be encouraged to use the Web Department templates (which also help with 508 compliance).

2. Student Portal

- a. Kirk reported that the portal was currently down; UMS had made some changes that resulted in a problem.

3. Pay-Per-Page

- a. Jerry reiterated that PPP will not be implemented until summer; this will allow departments to budget for faculty printing and give IT a less busy term in which to work out bugs.

4. IT lab hardware/software upgrade

- a. Jerry reported that the PO for new computers went out last week; he expects the refresh to be completed over break; some rooms are having carpets replaced so need to work around that.
- b. Jerry also indicated that he is working on a campus license deal with Microsoft for Vista and Office; as a result departments and individuals will not need to purchase those products; should know for sure by next week.

5. IT lab image software

- a. David reported that he is collecting results from a survey on the lab software and will pass those along to IT; one of the bigger concerns noted so far is a lack of SPSS software in some of the classrooms teaching that program.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Wireless campus

- a. Jerry reported that the Student Technology Fee Committee had approved the proposal to spend technology fee funds to make the campus wireless; he will take this to the leadership team next week and expects approval there as well; if all goes well, the campus should be wireless by summer.

2. Clickers

- a. David reported that the campus will be moving to a new electronic audience response system—i>clicker—which will be of no cost to the campus (although students will have to buy new clickers), and little support needed from IT; full implementation is planned for fall, but there

are several instructors who want to implement it this spring. David will work with faculty, bookstore, and vendor to make this happen.

3. Online FCQs

- a. David noted that there had been a proposal to put FCQs online a few years ago, but that it didn't generate much interest; however, as there seems to be a fair demand by students to have the results available online, he will talk to David Moon about this possibility.

4. Course Management System selection

- a. David suggested that we need to begin discussion on course management systems; we are currently supporting six different system on campus, and for the sake of everyone involved, this needs to be reduced to a smaller number, preferably one (*i.e.*, one supported by IT; eCollege could continue since it is hosted off-campus).
- b. Jerry noted that our contract with eCollege is currently under negotiation and should be completed soon (it expires in June); that Denver is moving more toward Blackboard and may drop eCollege; and that this might be our last year of contract with them. Boulder currently uses WebCT, but is looking at Sakai (an open-source system that has good learning tools but a raw interface; may require >\$1M to implement).
- c. David suggested that all individuals involved in CMSs on campus come up with lists of critical features and utilize some the online feature comparison sites to see what systems meet those needs. Discussion will continue at our next meeting.
- d. Leslie suggested that we focus on (1) what we need, (2) 24/7 support, and (3) cost.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next ITAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2006 at 9:30 a.m., in EPC 304C

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