

MINUTES
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 18, 2006

PRESENT: Hammond, Deeds, Boettger, Rock, and Turner. Absent with notice: Engle and Nagy. Absent without notice: Loesch

1. Minutes from 10/5 were approved.
2. Report from CC from Tom: CC offered this feedback on LCD screen idea for use as electronic posters.
 1. Who will support the up keep and monitor content?
 2. Who will make the DVD's and keep them current?
 3. What will be the purpose or focus of the content?
 4. Where will the screens be placed?
 5. Why is this a better way to communicate with students?
 6. Will the screens have the same information as the webpage and the student weekly email?
 7. How is this different from what Continuing Ed tried a few years back?
 8. Can the kiosk computers be used for this same content?

The technology committee will address these concerns when we prepare our proposal. Our discussion generated these thoughts:

1. We can survey other colleges and see what they are using.
 2. We can ask faculty for their ideas and input on how the content should be arranged
 3. Tom will ask his technical support list about using this approach and the technical support involved.
 4. Locations suggested were the front wall, under the clock or to the right of the clock. Worries about the size of the screen looking very small on very large walls.
 5. Other locations were hanging from beams in various areas of the building.
 6. Adding one to the new student area when construction starts was also suggested.
 7. Content can be a simple message, a photo or even film
 8. There will not be sound.
 9. Some content will appear more frequently than others.
 10. Ticker tape of information could feed along the bottom
 11. Local stores and businesses could be willing to donate a screen especially if a plaque with their business name was attached.
3. Report from TSS:
 - Pod casting is going well.
 - Clustering servers so that method of backup and security is improved
 - The library might be able to create a bookmark with WebCT information on it
 - Technical support is ready for the board of trustees visit

4. Brief discussion on the 'friendliness' of our wireless network compared to 'hot spots' such as coffee shops and bookstores. We questioned if there was a way for a person with their own laptop to get out on the internet without having a uanet id. Non-students would not be able to get onto the Wayne network for classes but they could 'surf' the net on their own computers and eliminate us as the middle man.

Cher and Tom noted that technical support spends a lot of time helping students get on the wireless network when using student laptops.

5. Next meeting will be Thursday 11/16 at 12:30. Room to be announced.

For the Technology Committee,

Emily Rock