Call to Order/Review of Minutes

J. Ferron (Chair) welcomed everyone back from the holidays and called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Minutes

M. Stewart moved to approve December 5, 2002 minutes with changes, M. Berson seconded and a vote was passed unanimously.

Meeting Dates

The new meeting dates for spring semester will be held the second Monday of each month at 10:30 am in EDU 219.

Computer Labs

S. Seifreit presented a draft of the *College of Education Teaching Computer Lab Policies* as requested by the Committee for their review and discussion. (see attached) The Committee felt that TSR should not be responsible for policing policy issues with regard to infractions. When an infraction is reported to TSR they would turn it over to the Chair of the Technology Committee, who in turn would write a discreet letter to the offender.

Potential scheduling problems of the computer labs need to be addressed at least one semester in advance. It was suggested that a meeting with all faculty who require labs should be held each semester to include the Coordinators responsible for scheduling from each department and Kathleen White.

Laptops

J. Ferron reported he received a great deal of feedback from the College Council (January 10, 2003) as to the feasibility of requiring students to have laptops. The Council
members expressed some legitimate concerns following a discussion. Some questions raised were as follows: (1) Would students be able to afford laptops when tuition was a problem? (2) Would the laptops be like some books, which are required and not utilized? (3) Would the laptops be in addition to the PCs most students currently possess? (4) How would you enforce mandating laptops? (5) Would the current lab fees required by the University stay in effect? (6) Would faculty incorporate technology into their teaching curriculum? Faculty who were not technologically savvy would not approve the requirement of laptops because they would never implement them into their programs.

The positive side of requiring laptops would be: (1) Every room could be a lab; (2) Integration of technology into all classes; (3) Carryover and utilize knowledge and programs taught in classes out-in-the-field; (4) Use the wireless technology available in the College; and, (5) Be more competitive with other universities. The College Council’s consensus was that background data needed to be presented at departmental meetings before an informed response could be given.

D. Puglisi suggested that the Committee research other colleges/universities who have already implemented similar programs to see how they proceeded. He then advised that administrators have been in conversations with Apple and other corporations to secure their support for the COE technological advancement as well as economical laptops. The COE needs to determine where the college wants to be in 5 and 10 years before continuing the discussions with the various computer vendors.

M. Berson agreed to contact the University of Texas at Austin and gather data. Everyone was encouraged to investigate other universities.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Monday, February 10, 2003 at 10:30 am in EDU 219.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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