CALL TO ORDER

Georgios Stylianides, Chair, called the Technology Committee to order at 10:05 am on November 10, 2003.

MINUTES

The minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

LAPTOP PILOT

- Barry Morris, Childhood Education, gave an update on the laptop initiative. A handout of the book produced by the pilot group was distributed (hard copy on file).
- Five interns from the laptop cohort met with executives from the Citicorp Foundations. The technological savvy of the students far exceeded the ability held by the executives and they were extremely impressed.
- The plan is to phase in over a period of years (approximately 4) before making this a mandatory requirement for all students.
- One suggestion was to have one pilot in each department with faculty responsible for assignments.
- The Provost plans to highlight four websites at the University and the Laptop Initiative was one selected.

DEPARTMENTAL TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

- Departmental committee representatives were asked to go back to their departments and begin conversations on departmental needs.
- Scott Seifreit will develop and send out a form to be used by departments for their technological needs. It was suggested the form should include department’s current inventory and their wants/needs along with a justification. Items purchased under a grant
should be differentiated. Note: NCATE requires departmental technology inventory sheets for review during their visit.

- Departments should email for review by the committee a prioritized list of needs to improve or enhance teaching efforts no later than spring mid-semester.
- CETC will make recommendations to the College Council from these lists for the college.
- The committee will furnish Dick Dearolf, Director of Development, a copy of the final product.
- Georgios Stylianides will speak with Dean Kennedy about speaking at one of the Chairs’ Council meetings about technology.

BLACKBOARD

- Feedback on Blackboard related problems were forwarded to the Provost who responded by:
  - Providing Academic Computing with one additional staff to assist with Blackboard.
  - Identifying funds to purchase equipment to debug and test the environment.
  - Forwarding summary of responses to assist John Llewellyn for understanding college and faculty perspectives.

NEW BUSINESS

- John Llewellyn, Director, Academic Computing will be the guest speaker at next month’s meeting.
- Two projectors recently stolen from the college at a cost of approximately $5,000 initiated a discussion on COE security.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday, December 8, 2003 at 10:00 am in EDU 219.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

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