

March 1st, 2010  
UTAC Meeting  
Minutes

Call to Order

Attending: M. Pinson, J. Stewart, C. Dennis, C. Shaw, J. Van Deusen,  
C. Bailey, C. Warner, K. Vick (co-Chair), P. Duncan (co-Chair)

Guest: C. Hilgarth (proxy for T. Kosan), L. Miller, J. Gallaher,  
C. O'Connor (proxy for P. Nichols)  
L. Harvey (proxy for P. Madden)

Quorum was established for the meeting.

Old Business:

**1) Student Technology Fee Budget for 2010**

Chuck Warner reports an amount of \$ 260,000.00

**2) University Laptop Requirement**

Discussion opened on the merits of such an institutional requirement. Have personal mobile devices made such specific requirement dated and obsolete? Some argue that the academic value of the requirement is less institutional and more program dependent.

The impact of such a requirement on student Financial Aid Institutional requirements of computing technology for students has no bearing on the Financial Aid benefit a given student will receive. According to Barb Bradbury, Director of SSU Financial Aid; A loan expansion is possible for this type of purchase, only, if a student is determined to be aid eligible.

Students voiced concerns of affordability and a burden on those individuals that do not qualify for Financial Aid and must work to pay for school. Some consider that the additional expense coupled with an expected loss of some available open use is more of a liability than a benefit.

Rental/purchase programs underwritten by the university to provide students with alternatives to traditional purchases were mentioned. The establishment of a small storefront operation by a technology vendor on our campus was suggested. A select review of institutions with successful technology requirement programs could prove helpful in identifying a model for SSU to follow.

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3) **Student Lab Use Report (Attachment)**

The recent vote to approve the replacement of computers in ATC 105 and the request for similar consideration in ATC 160 brings into question the current methods of lab management employed by UTAC. Discussion ensued on the veracity of current lab use statistics being called into question. Some individuals remained skeptical even when reminded that the data is generated by the Office of the Registrar and has been approved for use by UTAC.

Given the prominent position Plastics holds in Ohio's economy, and that Shawnee State is one of a select few institutions to offer Plastics as a field of study, the appeal for replacing the aging computers in ATC 160 was given serious consideration by the committee.

As a result, the committee settled on a draft motion to accommodate the needs of the program to be voted on ;

A motion to make a singular exception to the approved criteria for computer lab replacement at modal cost. The exception would waive the required three (3) year period and re-instate ATC 160 to the replacement schedule upon approval.

Motion to adjourn  
Second  
Adjourn

Next meeting March 1, 2:00pm President's Conference Room