

FSCOT Minutes

The meeting came to order at 3:30 p.m., January 19, 2010, Union 213

Attendance

Guests:

Membership:

Don Crawford, Architecture
Larry Weaver, Arts & Sciences
Michael Raine, Business Administration
Tweed Ross, Education (Chair)
Julia Keen, Engineering
Mark Stadlander, Extension
Mark Grinter, General University
Chihyung OK, Human Ecology
E. Jamene Brooks-Kieffer, Library

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November 17, 2009 meeting were approved. (See attached)

Chair Ross reported that the Faculty Senate unanimously passed the resolution proposed by FSCOT in support of KSU.edu – K-State.edu with an amendment proposed by Arts & Sciences:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University information technology units *will endeavor to ensure [this wording was amended on the floor]* that faculty, staff and students will be able to easily choose and use the domain name of their choice whenever new university-wide software (e.g. email system, student information system, etc.) or policies are adopted.

Old Business¹

Considerable discussion was devoted by the committee to the Budget Reduction Suggestions Analysis. The committee felt many parts of this document needed more information before they could come to a well-reasoned recommendation. Of particular interest to the committee were recommendations associated with the closing of university computer labs. Chair Ross suggested that he would attempt to find answers to several questions before the next meeting. Among the questions proposed were:

- What would be the facilities implications of closing university computing labs?
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- The estimated savings was \$237,000 excluding labor costs. What is a reasonable estimate of the labor cost savings?
- Would any savings be passed on to IT support for other needed IT projects?
- What software is installed on these general university labs? Is there any data on what software is used on these labs?
- Will this recommendation be accompanied by a requirement that students acquire their own computing environments?
- What has been the past 10-year trend in the use of general university computing labs?
- How will students purchase the software currently provided by the university license? What is the anticipated expense to the student?
- Will some of the money saved go to central IT for other projects and college/departamental units need to provide additional IT funds to cover incurred expenses related to the support of student laptop computers?

New Business

Julia Keen and Mark Grinter outlined the CIO search progress and asked the committee to please send forward names for CIO candidates.

Tweed Ross noted that it is time to begin considering who should be chair of FSCOT for the 2010-2011 year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting – February 2, 2010