Minutes for FSCOT meeting 10/18/2011 - 3:30 PM in Calvin 301

Attendance:

present	Name	College
x	Bormann, Jenny	Agriculture
x	Brooks-Kiefer, Jamene	Libraries
x	Crawford, Don	Architecture
x	Fees, Bronwyn	Human Ecology
x	Grinter, Mark	General University
x	Knackendoffel, Ann	Education
	Molidor, Jennifer	Technology & Aviation
x	Pahwa, Anil	Engineering
x	Raine, Michael	Business Administration
x	Rauth, Natalie	Student representative
x	Rintoul, David (Chair)	Arts & Sciences
	Schermerhorn, Thomas	Veterinary Medicine
x	Stafford, Ken	Provost Liaison
xx	Stadtlander, Mark (Dan Rogers, alt)	Extension

Visitors: Varney's reps - Steve Levin, Jayme Carpenter, Travis Rail. Apple reps - Jeff Oschner, Dan Senstock

1) Minutes from last meeting (10/4/2011) - Approved
2) Old Business
   a. update on wireless network changes happening next week – Ken Stafford reported good progress on moving users from insecure wireless networks to more secure networks. Still some issues to be resolved with some devices, but things are on track.
   b. Policies discussed at the last meeting have been revised, and will be heading to IRMC for a vote this week (Thursday 10/20). Please provide input soon if you still have some.
   c. iSIS textbook notification issues – Three reps from Varney's met with us for part of the meeting.

Several issues were discussed with the Varney's reps. Have already addressed the issue with faculty members who don't use a book and will never use a book in their courses. In a wide-ranging and sometimes repetitive discussion, we learned a bit more about the process from the business side, and sometimes a lot about questions which we didn't ask. Other questions asked were:

   a) Issues with usability and functionality of the web data entry site. – Some of these have already been resolved, and the Varney's IT manager indicated that other requested changes could be made.
   b) The link from an official KSU site to a single bookstore does not exactly carry out the spirit of the law, which was to give students choices for book purchases. The impression is that this is a university-supported or university-affiliated business; other businesses do not have this luxury.– The Varney's website is available to all. Could include, and include in the link from iSIS, a price-checking website rather than the single link for purchasing from Varney's. Levin offered to send some language to the committee that might be appropriate for the link to be developed. There seem to be significant issues with communication between faculty and Varney's, faculty and textbook vendors, and vendors and Varney's.
   c) The dependence on an outside vendor could be problematic if that vendor relationship changes, e.g., if Varney's loses the contract for the Union bookstore. Shouldn't we have a plan B? – If this occurs, it will be a long enough time-frame to allow a transition; this shouldn't be an emergency. Contract ends in 2013; should be plenty of time to move it in-house. In response to a direct question, Levin indicated that even if the university took this over, they will still be soliciting information, particularly in the few weeks prior to the semester. This could be confusing, and

probably not something that would make faculty members happy if they had two entities bugging them about adoptions.

   d)   What would be the ramifications for Varney's if the process for soliciting and nagging was moved in-house? Varney's reps indicated that they would still be doing that, would not be comfortable with allowing others to collect the information. "Getting book information is the lifeblood of our business." - Levin

   e)   Some faculty members use other bookstores, and it is irritating to them to have to use a Varney's site to provide information to students who will not be using Varney's. – Website indicates that these books are available at Claflin, or other designated site. No real solution to the sensibilities of faculty who don't want this, but the students should be aware.

   f)   Immediate feedback needed from website, not an email. There needs to be a web feature that lets you know that you are done. – Should be doable (Rail)

   g)   One link to copy book for a course to the next year – should be doable (Rail).

   h)   Reminders go to folks who are not teaching the class, e.g. department heads who are just placeholder names in the line schedule. – Varney's will work on ways to address this concern.

3) New Business - Apple reps Dan Senstock and Jeff Ochsner introduced new and exciting educational initiatives from Apple. – Lots of information was imparted about cool hardware and software, including the Apple TV consumer device ($99) that allows wireless connection to projector, TV etc. Mobile teaching and learning initiatives are starting to take off, and even some research into these areas being done on campus. We had a wide-ranging discussion, going from the disadvantages of e-textbook (how do you allow use in subsequent years) to new companies (Inkling) and e-pubs to Siri artificial intelligence initiative.

4) **Proposed Information Technology Action Plan in Support of Vision 2025 – a list was provided by Rebecca Gould, from the IT folks. It includes:**

- Upgrading the outside plant infrastructure to support a 10 GB backbone. Those buildings that need single mode fiber to support the 10GB backbone include: Cardwell, Bluemont, King and Chem/Biochemistry and are buildings that are currently being upgraded.
- Working with Facilities to locate and build closets that will support the necessary equipment to support higher bandwidth speeds.
- Creating a ubiquitous campus wireless network to support 802.11n (n = 300 mbps). N supports video over wireless.
- Enhancing the security of our wireless network with WPA2
- Providing general storage infrastructure as a repository for all data at no cost to academic departments and minimal cost to local agencies
- Installed 350 TB storage backup at the Olathe campus for Manhattan backup
- Providing $200K over three years ($63K per year) in support of high performance computing (HPC); the agreement is that HPC will be available for campus use
- Lighting the dark fiber from KState to KU
- Enhancing the technical support across campus for those units without support or limited support
- Upgrading 50 general use classrooms with basic technology over the next two years; nine have been completed
- Providing professional development opportunities on the use of technology across the enterprise for faculty and staff (Axio Conference, TLT Showcase, IDT Roundtables, etcebbeb conferencing available for all faculty members (adobe connect, for example)
- Enhancing K-State Online annually based on input from students, faculty and staff
- Upgrading iSIS based on input from students, faculty and staff
- Upgrading the Oracle Financial System
- Begin development of open source core systems

- Utilizing secure Cloud systems as appropriate
- Phasing in desktop virtualization
- Participating in the Student Technology Committee meetings

FSCOT members support these university-wide initiatives, and would also like to include two more items that will enhance faculty productivity, on which the 2025 initiative depends.

- Develop and deploy an e-portfolio system as outlined in the 2011 task force report.
- Develop and deploy web-conferencing software/capabilities beyond the Polycom system, so that the possibility of intra-campus, inter-campus, national and international collaboration is available to all faculty members at all times.
- Reiterate that cloud systems are being used unofficially (even by the president), but the Office of General Counsel has had some issues. We are behind the times here.