

Minutes
Faculty Senate Committee on Technology
October 5, 2004—Bluemont 16e

Call to Order:

Chair Ross called order at 2:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

There being no changes to the minutes of September 7, 2004, they stood as approved.

Attendance:

Committee Members: Dave Rintoul (for Bloomquist), Fritz, Holcombe, Michaels, Garcia, Ross, Selfridge, Simmonds (via video conference), Turtle, Cindy Bontrager (for Wilbrant)

Special Guests:

- Jane Rowlett, Director, Academic Services, Portal Project
- Lloyd Walker, Portal Project Manager
- Jackie Spears, President, Faculty Senate

New Business:

1. Ross briefly reported on a number of current issues relating to the University IT infrastructure and his recent attendance at the VPAST Cooperating Team meeting. Included in this report were: the upcoming security audit from the Legislative Post Audit program, progress on the E-mail System including concerns about establishing mail quotas, archiving functions, and discussions about the use of handheld electronic devices in university classrooms and violations of the University Honor Code.

2. Jane Rowlett and Lloyd Walker reported on the current status of Portal Project. A lengthy discussion followed by a question and answer period ensued after this overview. Rowlett and Walker reported that by using extramural funding, fractional tenths of time from other departments, and other resources the Portal Project was scheduled to be online in a framework for expansion capable of growing into a full-fledged university enterprise portal by the Spring 2005. The result of this presentation and discussion was Ross was directed to prepare a draft resolution for FSCOT review at the next meeting to be forward to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and ultimately to the Faculty Senate urging University Administration to adequately fund this project in ways that will insure its faculty and student functionality in a relatively short time frame.

3. Faculty Senate President Jackie Spears outlined a recent meeting she attended with VPAST Beth Unger and Al Cochran in response to Phil Anderson's recommendation that Faculty Senate consider developing policies regarding the use of wireless devices in classrooms. President Spears noted that this was one of those issues that had impact across many Faculty Senate committees: FSCOT, FSAAC and FSFAC.

In response to President Spears' outline of the problem, Turtle volunteered to lead in research of the problem across other universities with members of the committee providing concrete examples of how wireless technologies could be used which could constitute violations of the University honor code. Turtle will compile a report for the next FSCOT meeting. At that time the committee will consider recommendations to the Faculty Senate Executive committee about how this issue might best be addressed.

Future FSCOT Topics:

University Enterprise Portal Resolution
Policies and Practices relating to handheld devices in classes.
Standards for online classes and instructors.

Respectfully submitted

/s/Tweed W. Ross, Chair