

**Minutes**  
**Faculty Senate Committee on Technology**  
**April 5, 2005 – Bluemont 16e**

**Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order by Tweed Ross

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the March 1, 2005 meeting were approved with no changes.

**Attendance:**

Committee Members: Steve Eckels, John Fritz, Wayne Michaels, John Selfridge, Beth Turtle, Jane Garcia, Gloria Holcombe, Cindy Bontrager (for Fran Wilbrant), Ernie Perez, Gail Simmons, Tweed Ross .

Standing Invited Guest: Betty Stevens, Division of Continuing Education.

Guests: Rebecca Gould, iTAC, Angie Pfizenmaier, iTAC, Marty Courtois, iTAC, Tom Herald, President-Elect-Faculty Senate

**Announcements:**

**None**

**Old Business:**

Electronic Portfolios

Ernie Perez provided the committee with an overview of electronic portfolios and how the university might support the development of an e-portfolio structure for the community. The committee expressed interest in e-portfolios as a strategy and Ernie agreed to check into them more and as a way of moving such an agenda forward through as a resource for students and faculty.

Turnitin®

The committee engaged in a spirited discussion concerning the university subscribing to an online plagiarism prevention system such as *Turnitin®*. Recognizing the need to insure the originality of student work while improving students writing and research efforts, FSCOT agreed that the university should further investigate and consider the acquisition of a system such as *Turnitin®* for use by the faculty.

Classroom student response systems.

Having received a letter from Dr. Unger, VPAST, concerning the development of a university environment to support interactive classroom communication devices and asking FSCOT to help design the academic parameters of such devices, FSCOT felt it would be best for a sub-committee of FSCOT members to meet with faculty who are currently engaged in teaching with such technology enhancements. Steve Eckels and John Selfridge volunteered for this assignment. Chair Ross will try to arrangement a meeting with Dean Zollman and Swasati Mukherjee to investigate this further.

**New Business:**

Marty Courtois and Angie Pfizenmaier gave a presentation on the progress of the electronic dissertation, thesis and report initiative along with projected time lines for implementation. The program is currently in a testing phase with limited participation and expected full implementation planned for Fall 2006 when all dissertations, thesis and reports will be submitted electronically.

**FSCOT Chair for 2005-2006**

Faculty Senate President-Elect, Tom Herald led a discussion on the benefits and need for someone to step forward as FSCOT chair for the coming academic year. This decision needs to be made at the latest in the May meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ T. W. Ross