

Minutes from the Student Technology Fee Committee Meeting October 9, 2008

The Student Technology Fee Committee met at 2:30 pm, October 9th in room W1012 in the Science Hall.

The committee chair for the year is Chip Matson, Director of I.T. Services. Those attending the meeting included: Mr. Gordon Spivey (Media Services – representing Ms. Rose Axton), Dr. Bill Nelson (Reese Library), Dr. Ric Topolski (Chair of the I.T. Committee), Mr. Chip Matson (I.T. Services), and Dr. Bill Dodd (ex-officio representative of the VPAA's office). Student representatives included Ms. April Demsko, Ms. Rebecca White, and Mr. Bradley Brown.

After calling the meeting to order and asking everyone to introduce themselves the chair discussed the budget for the year – based on the Budget Office's estimate there should be about \$700,000 in the budget - depending on enrollment. The Budget Office recommends that \$5,000 be reserved for refunds and accounts that are not paid.

The guidelines from the student technology fee website were reviewed.

A bound copy of the proposals was distributed to the committee. There are 72 proposals for funding this year for a total of \$1.2 million.

The committee chair had made an offer to everyone that submitted a proposal to come and address the committee to answer possible questions and plead their case for funding. Two people took advantage of this opportunity: Professor Rick Pukis discussed his proposals and provided some explanation regarding the television studio and its needs. Dr. Tom Colbert briefly discussed the Chemistry and Physics department's proposals.

There was some discussion on the other proposals.

The ranking process was reviewed as well as the funding priorities from the student technology fee process plan. The chair will email a spreadsheet to the committee members with the proposals categorized into high and medium priority. Once these groups are agreed upon a ballot will be emailed for ranking the proposals within the two categories. Funding will be allocated based on this prioritization (pending review by Dr. Sam Sullivan, VPAA).

At this time the committee is not planning to meet again. When the spring technology fees are collected the chair will proceed down the list of projects approved by the committee.

The chair will try to get in touch with the two students who did not attend the meeting to solicit their involvement. We need at least 4 students to participate in the committee's activities.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.