Charges for Technology Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2010

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm by Chair Kayle Austin

In Attendance: Patricia Patton, Tamla Blunt, Jeff Masterson, Nicolette Schauermann, Teri Howlett, Larry Karbowski, Ed Peyronnin, Adam Hemberger, Mark Allis

Previous Minutes approved

Plant Sciences W005, W008, W009 upgrade: UTFAB has agreed to fund half of the BSPM classroom upgrades. Total cost for the project is $7900. CFT voted to pay half.

NESB Computer Lab Tables: The same upgrade made in the undergraduate lab room number 118 will cost $24,000. We received a $16,000 quote from Spectrum that will include tables, chairs and the addition of plugs in tables for student laptops. Motion was made by Teri and passed.

Shepardson 220 Environmental: Currently, the AC unit is shared by both the computer lab and server room. If the server room is not kept below 110 degrees, the server automatically shuts down. Adding a new unit will allow the server room and computer lab to be kept at different temperatures. The current AC unit is well aged. Adam suggested splitting the cost for a new AC unit 50:50 with the faculty because they use the lab more than the students. A motion to fund half of the cost of a new AC unit up to $8,000 was passed.

Disk Storage Expansion: The current system is 2G and very outdated. Larry explained the need to virtualize the servers. There have been several problems with the current software, Windows DFS. This new system will include Mirroring Software and allow each student to save up to 5 terabits (previously 1 terabit) onto the server. Committee members are curious as to whether students will take advantage of the server space. Subject was tabled until the next meeting.

Upgrade Projection System in NESB: In order for the lab in NESB to be a successful teaching space, Ed presented an upgrade idea including wide screen TVs and HD. Motion was made for a $3400 upgrade to the NESB lab and passed by the committee.

NESB Color Printer and Scanner Replacement: The old printer can be replaced for $3,000. This printer will have the capability to print on large paper and includes two trays to handle more printing. The 11x17 scanner is down. Larry recommended replacing it with the same scanners purchased previously for $2227.50. Motion to replace both the printer and scanner passed.

All other topics on the agenda were put on hold until next meeting.

Next meeting: March 25, 2010

Meeting called at 1:00 pm.