Colorado State University College of Agriculture Sciences Technology Fee Committee

November 4th 2013


The meeting was called to order at 2:00PM by president Nick Goode. A motion to table reading of the minutes to later in the meeting was made. We were unsure of the date of the last meeting and needed to get the correct minutes to have them approved.

We discussed old business; first we discussed the installation of ECHO 360 in Shepardson 218. Training time is very minimal for this equipment as the program is very easy to use. Secondly, we discussed the installation of keyless entry into Shepardson and the labs. The process of unlocking and managing the locking and unlocking is still being discussed. Additionally, we discussed the new security cameras that were purchased and installed this summer. The old ones still need to be taken down and sent to surplus. Additionally, we discussed the printers that were purchased last semester. Everyone seems happy with the quality and efficiency of the printers.

For new business we first talked about a proposed change in the UCFT manual that will allow CFTs to pay for a full time employee with student technology fees. We discussed this in great detail. Some of the concerns were whether the money should be allowed to be spent on a person who is helping to implement technology or if they should strictly be used to purchase technology. Ed discussed that the cost of servers is decreasing and we are paying for a service more than a product or program or specific piece of equipment. The desire is to have a constitution that is specific but also leave room for changes and individual college preference. If this were to be approved the funds would still stay within each one of the individual colleges. Technology fees will not be transferred from one college to another. Overall, the opinion of the group was that we should vote to approve the change of the manual and let individual colleges choose if they want to hire a full time employee. However, we will vote on this at the next business meeting before the next UCFT meeting. This will be decided at the next UCFT meeting. Next, we discussed the floor coverings in the Shepardson labs as the carpet is in poor condition and needs to be replaced. For the time being we concluded to have the carpet removed over the summer and try just having the bare concrete. This may cause noise issues but well will evaluate this after removal. Ed is going to return to the next meeting with a cost estimate for this project.

The floor was opened for discussion of suggestions. First, the need for a Plotter for the LA Grad-Students was brought up. The solution to this was to add the ability for graduate students to print to the plotter in Shep 222. They will have access by the print release station. Jake is going to work out the details for this with Larry and hopefully, there will be a vote sent out before break so that it can be up and running as soon as possible. Secondly, they wanted to get Sigma Plot upgraded as the current version is not current. We decided to let people come to us with this proposal this will allows is to determine the number or critical mass of people who are actually interested in this program. Also, we discussed officer elections and decided that it will occur at our meeting next semester.
The minutes were reviewed and a motion to accept was first made by Carolyn and seconded by Jane. The minutes were approved.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:00pm by Carolyn and seconded by Jane.