Charges for Technology Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2010

Meeting called to order at 12:05 pm by Chair Kayle Austin

In Attendance: Daniel Diesenroth, Patricia Patton, Tamla Blunt, Jeff Masterson, Nicolette Schauermann, Teri Howlett, Larry Karbowski, Ed Peyronnin, Adam Heuberger, Mark Allis, John Ray

Minutes approved

Disk Storage Expansion: This was reopened from the last meeting. The new system would allow students to keep up to 10 gigs on the server. The total cost for the upgrade is $46,901. There is a possibility it could be split up into two payments, $32,000 for EPA and $14,000 for DL3. The upgrade would include HP Storage Mirror software and an unlimited license for use during future upgrades. The committee requested a summary of the budget and what will be left for the end of the semester if this upgrade is approved. A motion was made and approved to wait for a budget summary and vote online after reviewing the materials sometime in the next two weeks.

Upgrade Graduate Office Printer Animal Science: Printer issues on the third floor of animal science have been an on going issue. The current printer is outdated, slow and does not print front to back. The previous good working printer is no longer functioning. Nicolette motioned to repair the HP LaserJet 4350 if under $500 or purchase a new printer within $2500 to $3000.
Motion was passed.

Funding Model Evaluation: The discussion was reopened from an online discussion.

Email Message to Tech Fee members from Ed (3-5-10)
"At the next meeting, I'd like to propose and see if we can vote on changing the way we fund the graduate and undergraduate labs. In lieu of five separate budgets, I propose each lab receive a "base" quantity of resources and services in proportion to what they have been receiving over the past five years or so. All resources over and above the base will be decided by the group as a whole. The advantages to this is that it would make your votes more rational and meaningful, invigorate discussions at our meetings, foster a more collaborative spirit among students and give more flexibility in spending on projects college wide. If approved, the new model would go into place 1 July, 2010. This would not impact access to any lab – it would stay the same. I invite your thoughts and responses prior to our next meeting."

The current system requires the creation of individual department budgets (#students x 2 x tech fee) for graduates. This limits the capability of the committee to distribute the full funds where needed and requested. The proposed system would cover the basic needs for each department such as computer upgrades, maintenance and printer supplies and then leave the budget as one large pool allowing all departments to request funds for specific needs. It will ease administrative burdens by working with one budget instead of six and allow students to reach a larger group of funds when a large upgrade is required. Ed motioned to change the technology budget to a college "pool" instead of individual budgets and develop a committee in the future to determine the level of hardware and software based on the previous five years. Motion to approve of the general concept was passed with one member voting against. The group will discuss implementation at the next meeting.

Next meeting: The committee plans to vote for new officers. Date will be determined via email.

Meeting called at 1:10 pm.