

Technology Advisory Board (TAB) Minutes of Meeting of October 20, 1999

Location: Andy Holt Tower, 4th floor conference room

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Attendance

Members: Vinay Dowray, Jim Gehlhar, Jeff Maples, Susan Metros, Faye Muly, Mary Papke, Stan Pinkleton, Surya Singh, Ken Walker, Clifton Woods.

Others: Allen Cain, Frances Fogerson, Nancy Gnilka, Steve Jepson, Julie Little, Robin McNeil, Debbie Mueller, Linda Painter

Discussion 1: Informational Presentation on the Information Technology University Task Force

Linda Painter described the mission, goals, scope, and projected outcomes of the newly formed (August 1999) Information Technology University Task Force. The group will focus efforts on the integration of technology in teaching, research, and service.

She noted, as a baseline figure, approximately 5,000 students and 263 faculty currently have accounts for web-based courses using CourseInfo software. Additionally, 27 physician-students participate in the Internet-based PEMBA program. Research initiatives involve collaboration with Oak Ridge National Laboratory, while service projects link with the Internet Education Institute.

The task force will develop a comprehensive information technology plan that defines policies and procedures for electronic courses and promotes the migration of academic services to the web. It will also address faculty issues, concerns for intellectual property, partnerships, and costs of implementation.

Discussion 2: Changes in Software Distribution

Stan Pinkleton announced that distribution of personal-use software and software licenses previously available to students, faculty, and staff from DII's Aconda Court location has been moved to the Computer Store in the University Center. The Aconda Court Service facility will continue to supply software to university departments.

A member asked if the Command (F-Prot) Anti-Virus software could be upgraded from the web. Pinkleton and McNeil indicated DII receives notice of upgrades by e-mail usually on a monthly basis, but at this time individual users cannot access these updates directly from the web.

Discussion 3: New Presidential Court Student Computing Lab

Jeff Maples reported renovation of the Presidential Court Grill area began on October 18 with the new computing lab expected to open for the Spring semester 2000. McNeil stated computers would be available for installation at whatever date the facility was completed. If the shipment of new computers does not arrive before the opening date, units from the Residence Hall Labs scheduled to be closed due to the new lab will be used, and then replaced with the new machines when they do arrive in approximately 2-3 weeks.

Other Business: None

The next meeting will be November 17, 1999, at 2PM in the 4th floor conference room of Andy Holt Tower.

Minutes prepared by: Frances Fogerson