

## **Technology Advisory Board (TAB) Minutes of Meeting of March 14, 2001**

**Location:** 237 University Center

**Time:** 3:30 - 4:30pm

### *Attendance:*

**Members:** Eric Beaty, Allen Cain, Will Carver, Chris Cimino, Jim Gehlhar, Nathan Hammer, Zoë Hoyle, Joshua Morrison, Faye Muly, Bill Britten, Matthew Thigpen, Fred Tompkins (for Jerry Stoneking).

**Others:** Nancy Gnilka, Robin McNeil, Judy Travis.

### *FY02 Technology Fee Funding Recommendations for Departmental Lab Awards*

Will Carver opened the meeting and called for any questions regarding the FY02 Awards. Nancy Gnilka distributed a spreadsheet with all departmental requests and anticipated awards for FY02. She explained that the departmental requests for classroom technology have been referred to the Classroom Upgrade Committee which provides funding in this area. These are clearly marked on the spreadsheet.

In response to a question about a request for wireless hubs, Faye Muly responded that wireless work is being funded separately and is not a part of the departmental lab awards.

With no further questions, Joshua Morrison made a motion that a vote be taken; Jim Gehlhar seconded the motion. The Technology Fee Funding Recommendations for FY02 were approved by a majority of the committee.

### *VolNet Progress Report*

Faye Muly distributed several handouts, one of which summarized the VolNet Project. The Knoxville campus has initiated a major upgrade and modernization of the computer network infrastructure. This infrastructure consists of the campus wiring (inter- and intra-building), network equipment, operational protocols, as well as other hardware/software components and represents the foundation for accomplishing many of the initiatives proposed by President Gilley.

Complete information pertaining to this announcement can be found at: [http://volnet.utk.edu/about\\_volnet/projsummary.html](http://volnet.utk.edu/about_volnet/projsummary.html). Information including project timeline, building cutover schedules, and underlying technology can be found at: <http://volnet.utk.edu>. For up-to-the-minute delivery of network events, upgrades, and outages, the NET-EVENTS listserv can be joined by visiting: <http://listserv.utk.edu/archives/net-events.html>.

Faye Muly distributed a notice alerting everyone that a major 12-hour computer and network outage will occur on Sunday, March 18, 2001, from 12:00AM Sunday morning to Noon. This

outage will enable completion of the installation of the backup generator for the Stokely Management Computer and Network Operations Center. This will give UT greater immunity from power interruptions.

### *Updated Technology Fee Inventory Management Policy*

Nancy Gnilka distributed an updated copy of the Technology Fee Inventory Management Policy. As of July 1, 2000, all equipment or software which has a purchase price of \$5,000 or less will be transferred to the "awarded department" at the time of the award. The previous minimum purchase price was \$2,000. This was the only significant change in the policy.

### *Other*

Faye Muly introduced Zoë Hoyle, who is replacing Ken Walker from the Office of Research.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for 2:00PM, Wednesday, April 18, in the 4th Floor Conference Room, Andy Holt Tower.

Minutes prepared by Judy Travis.