

Technology Advisory Board (TAB) Minutes of Meeting of November 28, 2001

Location: 4th Floor Conference Room, Andy Holt Tower
Time: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Attendees

Members: Bill Britten, Allen Cain, Will Carver, Mike Coffey, Jean Derco, Jim Gehlhar, Ray Hamilton, Nathan Hammer, James Hughes, Matthew Johnson, Sandy Lindsey, Julie Little, Jennifer McKinnish, Meghan Morgan, Faye Muly, Marla Peterson, Stan Pinkleton

Others: Nancy Gnilka, Robin McNeil, Judy Travis

FY02 Technology Fee - Round 2, Departmental Award Recommendation

Nancy Gnilka distributed a report of technology fee awards and proposed additional awards for the second round. This second round was made possible by extremely good prices on the bulk purchases of computers this year. The awards process was a continuation of selecting requests in the order of priority determined by the colleges.

The Board voted unanimously to support these recommendations.

Discussion: Future Directions and Recommendations for the Technology Fee

As the technology fee is entering the sixth year, Will Carver called for discussion as to future directions for the fee in the next two to three years. The following comments were made:

- Shall the awards continue to go into hardware and software, or into instruction of faculty and students in better use of the tools at their fingertips?
- Possibly shift a portion of the yearly funds from networking to supporting advances in instruction.
- We have to be careful the technology fee doesn't become a crutch for the general campus operating expenses. Operating expenses are an issue for the university and the state legislature.
- Many students are very impressed with the improvements that have come as a result of their technology fee.
- As faculty members are able to make better use of technology as a teaching tool, there is significant demand for a large teaching lab on campus. The largest lab currently available holds only 21 students. This would require finding a location and funding the necessary renovation, with the recommendation the technology fee would fund the equipment.

Suggested Expanded Help Desk Hours

Stan Pinkleton said he is still working on extending the hours of the help desk. If the times are expanded as follows, it would require three new FTE's.

Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	3:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Will Carver suggested the help desk open at 7:00 a.m. He encouraged the student members of TAB to forward any other suggestions to Stan Pinkleton, and these can be addressed at the next meeting. In addition, we will continue discussion to improve our communications. Input from all students is encouraged.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on February 20, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of Andy Holt Tower.

Minutes Prepared by: Judy Travis