

Technology Advisory Board (TAB)

Minutes of Meeting, October 15, 2008

Location: Andy Holt Tower, 4th Floor Conference Room, 2:30PM

Attendance: Jean Derco, Justin Flatt, Aaron Glover, Samantha Johnson, Steve Keys, Joanne Logan, Jamie Lonie, Robin McNeil, Robert Osborne, Stan Pinkleton, Jesse Poore, James Price, Teresa Walker

The meeting was called to order and Jamie Lonie welcomed everyone.

Introduction of New Members

Two new members, Justin Flatt and Teresa Walker, attended the meeting. Mr. Flatt is a student representative and is a freshman in Agricultural Sciences. Ms. Walker is representing the University Libraries and is replacing David Ratledge.

Student Email

Mr. Lonie gave an update on Dr. Poore's meeting with the SGA to discuss the potential outsourcing of student email. There is continuing investigation on the subject and Mr. Lonie volunteered to be the point of contact for any questions and concerns that students may have about the process. He has been asked about the importing of folders from Exchange to Google Mail and how that process will work. Mr. Pinkleton volunteered to follow up on this question.

Departmental Awards Proposal Process

The proposal process for departmental awards will open from October 27 through December 5. Ms. McNeil passed out copies of the current guidelines for submitting Technology Fee proposals as well as a copy of the webform used to generate the online proposals. Information about the process will be sent to the Deans, Directors, and Department Heads listserv as well as to UT News. Ms. McNeil will also find out and report back to the committee information about the process for Facilities Fee requests.

Wireless Upgrade

Mr. Keys gave an update on the wireless upgrade project. The assessment should be completed in November and shortly thereafter a bid should be released. He stated that although the 802.11n

standard had not been ratified, vendors were agreeing to retrofit any access points at no additional cost were businesses to proceed with installations before a full ratification of the standard. The upgraded wireless system will be controller-based and will allow improvements in throughput, security and guest access. Mr. Keys believes that the re-wiring could be completed by May, 2009.

Mr. Glover asked if the upgraded security improvements would be backwards compatible and Mr. Keys replied that they would be.

Mr. Lonie asked about wireless problems in several dorm areas including Volunteer Hall. Mr. Keys stated that some of the access points had been disabled by construction crews but that he believed that they had been restored at this point. He will follow up to ensure that performance has been restored to all areas.

Student Membership

Ms. McNeil asked that everyone work at recruiting additional student members for TAB.

Mr. Lonie thanked everyone for their participation and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Technology Advisory Board is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2008, at 2:30 PM, in the AHT 4th floor Conference Room.