

IT Council Meeting
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MINUTES

Those in attendance were: Steve Robinette, Chair, Jeff Morrissey, D. G. Rainwater, Carey Adams, Tammy Jahnke, John Maddux, William Hader, Margaret Weaver, Earle Doman, Andrew Lockie, Ken McClure, Pat Day, Kevin Piercy, and Sue Ingram.

An update was given on Microsoft Live@edu and handouts were provided. On May 4, students will be able to sign up with their new account. A marketing sub-committee will be formed. A list of proposed members was included on one of the handouts.

It was stated that there were test accounts currently in use and it would take six weeks to convert over to the new system. Everyone was informed that it is preferred that the students access their mail through the web portal. An important aspect right now is the marketing. Ideas for marketing were discussed. It was also stated that right now the email system provided for 300MB of memory; with Microsoft live@edu that memory space will be increased to 1GB. Steve stated that the main reason for doing all this was for the added email space. MSU currently provides faculty more email space than any other university and our students get more than any other except for one university. With the new system there will be more space and better service. Students will move and faculty will keep the current email system, as of right now.

A copy of the SCUF budget and a SCUF Funding Overview PowerPoint notes page were provided. Kevin discussed the information included in the information packet. He stated that buying computers "broke the bank". Therefore, this year some "in year redistribution" was made. He also stated that the Adobe Software was usually purchased over and over again. He explained that MSU would actually save money if the decision was made to pay more up front by purchasing a maintenance and upgrade package.

Labstats was explained. It is a software package that will give statistics on the usage of computers in labs.

Everyone was informed that COE's proposals were received late but were still considered. Information was also given stating that students had asked that all computers are brought up to the same level. IT was reminded that SCUF was designed on merit and was to be used where there was the most impact for students.

In regard to the SCUF Budget handout, the first page included everything that was agreed to be funded. The second page included things that were not funded and the third page covered items that were redistributed. It was stated that after the redistribution there were monies left over. It was suggested that those monies be used to purchase the Labstats software. It was also suggested to go back through

the items that were not funded and fund some of those with the remaining money. If Labstats was purchased this fiscal year, then that money could be used to fund proposals that didn't pass.

It was suggested to put a governor on the amount a student could print. It was questioned if this was a good idea. There is software called Papercut that could provide this service. It would also be available at the college level. The limit would be 500 pages per student per year. Will stated that it was based on an average. Tammy stated that she was for the proposal but would like for someone to ask others how they put limits on printing. Discussion continued on the best fit for MSU to handle the situation. There was support, but additional time would need to be spent doing the research on how and how much, etc. It was questioned if the graduates would need a higher limit than the under grads. It was stated that SGA had discussed looking into the different majors and if any certain one would require a larger quantity of available prints. It was stated that some institutions do give a higher printing quantity to graduate students.

Someone questioned if labor costs were cut in their college could that money then be used for proposals. The answer was yes.

Appreciation was given to Greg, Kevin, Will and Steve for a great job serving on the sub-committee to work on the SCUF Budget.

Earle Doman stated that phone land-lines located in the dorms are being removed. That will allow for additional available money.

Andy questioned the funding for the ETC labs in the library and what to do if unable to cover the shortfall. It was suggested that he meet with Steve to discuss cutting hours or something.

Will Hader moved to approve the SCUF budget removing the Labstats item. Earle Doman seconded the motion. Motion carried by all voting members to approved the SCUF Budget, except for Labstats.

There was no comment or change to last month's meeting minutes.

Will Hader moved to adjourn the meeting. Earle Doman seconded the motion, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

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