IT Council
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CARR 203 ~ October 11, 2011

Members Present: Greg Rainwater, Kevin Piercy, Tina McManus (for Sarah Caldwell), Eric Shade, Carey Adams, John Catau, Jeff Morrissey, Austin Kramer (SGA), Sue Ingram, Ken McClure

Guest Present: David Caravella

The IT Council meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm.

The Council approved the minutes from the September 6, 2011 IT Council meeting.

ITAC Report: Dave Caravella finished his presentation of the Instructional Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) report he began at the last meeting. He specifically covered the recommendations in Section VII. This section covered the development of a new maintenance/support service model and assignment of associated personnel. He concluded by summarizing the challenges and recommendations of the ITAC report.

Dr. Catau thanked the ITAC for its work and recommended IT Council accept the ITAC report.   Austin Kramer motioned to approve the Technology Enhanced Classrooms Report. Jeff Morrissey seconded. Motion carried.

It was determined that ITAC would develop and submit for consideration a decision document on the various ITAC recommendations that did not require funding to resolve and this decision document would be discussed at the next meeting.

Discussion of Alternate Springfield Computer Usage Fee (SCUF) Assessment Process: Greg Rainwater gave a brief SCUF update. The IT Council discussed the possibility of returning to a standalone SCUF as opposed to SCUF being assessed as a component of the larger Springfield required student services fee structure.

Sue Ingram provided details on the West Plains campus Computer Usage Fee assessment, which is a standalone fee of $5 per credit hour capped at 18 credit hours.

Dr. Catau noted that it is possible to increase the monies from SCUF without increasing the cost per credit hour. Ending the cap at 7 credit hours would be an example of one way. Discussion continued and included the note that students had originally approved the SCUF charges, so they may need to approve changes to the SCUF fee schedule. It was noted that internet instruction students do not pay SCUF. Austin Kramer asked if the increased cost per credit hour to internet instruction courses was to fund additional technology. Dr. Catau responded no, that this was due to additional payments required to faculty for internet instruction.

The committee discussed bringing ideas to the November meeting, and it was noted that most changes to fees required student approval and must be decided by January for the upcoming year.

Glass Hall Open-Access Computer Lab Renovation (SGA Resolution) – Project Update: Kevin Piercy updated the IT Council on the status of the planned open-access computer lab renovation.   Planning, Design & Construction are

finalizing the estimates and Kevin plans to return to the next meeting with an update and propose a funding recommendation.

BearPrint Policy Change Request: Kevin Piercy reported that Disability Support Services had requested the BearPrint allotment be increased to provide adequate allowances for students requiring accommodations due to visual impairments. No motion to object was made, so the allotment will be increased.

New Business: Jeff Morrissey handed out a document pertaining to the formation of a Blackboard Steering Committee. He gave an overview of this document and asked that the IT Ccouncil review and be prepared to discuss the document at the next meeting.

 Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.