



March 21, 2012 – FLITE Technology Meeting

Chairperson: Leah Monger

Present: Scott Claerhout, Kristy Motz, Emily Mitchell, Brent Kundinger, Leah Monger, Josie VanAvery, Randall Schroeder, Sharon Hamel, Jackie Hughes.

TOPICS

Equipment requests update

Leah stated that the four items submitted on November 18, 2012 are still not approved. Leah noted that Fritz Erickson indicated that the priority for funding equipment will target safety.

Scott noted that even though the items requested last November are now advancing through the approval process, FLITE needs to give the IT department ample time for any IT purchases (such as the digital signage, etc.).

Loss of personal web space—Alternatives?

Scott addressed the web space situation and noted that there was not any new information available at this time.

Scott stated that this personal web space is not for departmental purposes and Terri Aldrich will work with those who have used it for departmental purposes.

Scott indicated that Terri Aldrich is the contact person to arrange space through Content Management. Jackie explained the Content Management system briefly.

Jackie noted that other options are being pursued for those who need personal web space. She also noted that IT is working on addressing all issues and needs of everyone interested.

Upgrade of computers in FLT 114 and Assistive Technology Lab; software upgrades in Assistive Technology Lab

Brent noted the computers in FLT 114 were replaced. Twenty of those computers will be repurposed in FLT 119 and as needed throughout FLITE. A newer version of Jaws software and Windows 7 has been installed on the new computers.

Brent presented a video of Kurzweil software which he recommends to be downloaded to the FLT 119 computers. This software promotes literacy learning for students of all tiers. Kristy mentioned that the Kurzweil software would be useful for helping with literacy at the International Center and this information should be shared there as well. After the video, discussion led to the depth of knowledge needed by the students who would use the Kurzweil software. Currently, FLITE does not have the expertise to educate the special-needs student and it is assumed that the student has previously obtained knowledge of this software. It was noted that the Disability Center assists with the education of the student and FLITE would make sure the new software is available.

The Duxberry software was discussed as to whether an upgrade is needed on that. Randall noted that retaining this software should be discussed as there may no longer be need with technology advances.

Brent noted some scanners in FLT 119 do not work well with Windows 7 and those may need to be replaced.

Update on university IT plan

Leah indicated that the Application Steering Committee members completed their last meeting and the final plan will be ready in a few weeks.

Scott noted that a revised plan dated March 3, 2012, is being circulated but the final plan has not been released.

Jackie indicated she will continue to share information on the developing and progress of the new IT plan.

Other business/roundtable

Kristy noted she is meeting with Jodi Gardei about the Nook connection at FLITE because it hasn't worked very well. She will update us at the next meeting.

Jackie inquired as to whether the library is deemed an academic building. Scott & Leah confirmed that it was considered an academic building.

Scott discussed the document that he has recently created concerning the iPad in the classroom. He will submit it to the group to preview. The document includes bullet points of information needed by users in order to be forewarned of the learning curve involved with using the iPad. The document is meant to be used as an engagement tool as some of the bullet points need articulation.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am

Next FLITE Technology Meeting

April 18, 2012, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Submitted by Josie VanAvery