

Senate FSST Committee  
3/21/12

Members Present: Tamara Bray, Jane Fitzgibbon, Brian Madigan, Jennifer Sheridan Moss, Debra Patterson, Judith Whittum-Hudson, Jeffrey Withey, Seymour Wolfson, Lee Wurm, Victoria Dallas, Daniel Golodner, Joseph Sawasky

Members Absent without Notice: Bryan Morrow, Daniel Rappolee, T.R. Reddy, Sachin Gandhi

The meeting was called to order at 2 PM.

I. Approval of minutes from 2/15/12

II. Updates from C&IT (Joe Sawasky)

1. Disaster Recovery. C&IT is working on building backup systems at the Oak Center that could be used in case of system failures on campus. Phase I (completed) includes backing up the website, access ID data, and the emergency broadcast system; Phase II includes Banner and Blackboard. At present student data is backed up daily and maintained off-site for 3 months.
2. A video surveillance system, under control of Public Safety, has been implemented.
3. Electrical Backup. In May, there will be upgrades to the generators at the Data Center to keep the system running in the event of a Detroit electrical grid failure.
4. Cell antennas. Cell signal amplifiers have been installed in McGregor and the Student Center. These amplifiers are carrier-specific but C&IT would like to locate amplifiers that work with all carriers, and get the carriers to bear the cost of installing them.
5. Public Wi-Fi. Whether to bring public wi-fi to campus or not is being explored. It is possible that the ResNet wi-fi system will be eliminated.
6. Travel. The new Concur system is in the testing phase.
7. Procurement. The new SciQuest system will be rolled out in 7/12. Several committee members questioned whether this system would really provide the best prices on materials they purchase.
8. Classrooms. Rooms in Old Main and the fourth floor of State Hall will receive technology upgrades this year.
9. High Performance Computer Grid. This system, used primarily at the Med School and science departments, will be replaced this year.

10. Blackboard 9.1 is being rolled out on May 13. A team of faculty is testing it now.
11. The lecture capture system is being upgraded to a high definition version. Pcap, which records lectures from your own PC, is also available.
12. A “virtual phone number” project is under investigation. This system, which is less expensive than a traditional office landlines, would allow users to forward their WSU phone number to their home or cell phone.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Sheridan Moss, Chair