Student Tech Fee (STF) Oversight Committee

Minutes of Meeting: March 20, 2014

Voting Members Present: Jane Cassidy, Brian Nichols, Tommy Smith, Neal Stoltzfus, Thomas Rodgers, Alex Grashoff, Jackson Voss, Trey Schwartzenburg, and Andrew David

Guests: Kurt Keppler, Pam Nicolle, Michael Smith, Renee Barrow, Brian Antie, Charlotte Wilcox, Brian McNamara, and John Duplantis

Materials distributed:
Minutes from February 20, 2014 Meeting

I. Welcome and Introduction.
The meeting was chaired and called to order by Jane Cassidy at approximately 3:00 p.m.

II. Old Business.

A. Approval of the February 20, 2013 Minutes (Jane Cassidy)
Neal Stoltzfus requested a revision to the minutes that would indicate he asked ITS to provide the total cost of wireless on campus, and Thomas Rodgers asked ITS for the list of institutional software purchased by the university. Thomas Rodgers also requested a revision to the minutes that sets the maximum amount of surplus funds allowed to be used for wireless improvements at $450,000. Brian Nichols motioned to approve the minutes with these changes. Neal Stoltzfus seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

B. Middleton Lab Closure Impact
Thomas Rodgers and Trey Schwartzenburg discussed reasons for the Middleton Lab closure with Elaine Smyth. After their discussion, Smyth decided to omit this item from the meeting’s agenda.

Trey Schwartzenburg announced the Student Senate passed a resolution to repurpose the Middleton Lab to be student study space. Trey also stated that a resolution for the Union Lab is still being discussed in the Student Senate.

C. Discipline Specific Discussion (Cassidy)
Tommy Smith discussed the current status of the University’s appropriation in the legislative session. Tommy discussed the legislative session being much more positive in terms of funding than it has in the past several years. Budget scenarios at this time suggest that LSU’s tuition increase will not be offset with a reduction in state appropriations. If the current funding allocation remains intact through to the end of the legislative session, the university would likely not request the $1M in institutional support for student information technology systems from the STF committee. This would allow the committee to accept discipline specific proposals from units across campus.

The committee decided it will send out a message to Deans and Vice Chancellors indicating the availability of these funds once the university’s funding status becomes clearer; this could potentially be within the following two to four weeks. An official call for proposals will be sent out in early August, a couple of weeks or so prior to the Fall Semester starting.

D. Wireless Expansion (Cassidy)
Brian Antie discussed the number of classroom seats per building, as reported to the Board of Regents. The committee discussed the wireless capabilities in Middleton Library and Patrick F. Taylor Hall extensively. PFT Hall will be renovated in the near future, so the committee was concerned with spending funds on upgrading this building. After discussion, Thomas Rodgers motioned to cut wireless expansion in Patrick F. Taylor Hall out of the proposal. Andrew David seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Trey Schwartzenburg motioned to move Middleton Library to first in the priority list of building wireless upgrades. Jackson Voss seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
The committee discussed the logistics of how the priority list would work. Due to funding issues that could arise from having a set priority list for all the buildings, the committee agreed that ITS will use the list as a guideline, but will ultimately have discretion on the order of upgrades, as funding becomes available.

III. New Business

A. Wireless Printing in Union (M. Smith)
Mike Smith met with Margot Carroll about printing on the first floor of the Union. The Union would prefer to keep a Ricoh copier/printer in the old lab area, as opposed to having a printer in the middle of open Union space. ITS will work on upgrading wireless printing for Apple and mobile devices over the summer. ITS also confirms that printing will be available in the labs prior to the labs being closed, so that there is no stagnant period when printing is not available to students.

Trey Schwartztenburg shares with the committee that the students plan to release a statement to the entire student body, explaining why certain labs on campus were closed. This aims to provide the campus information, as well as prevent backlash toward the faculty and staff.

B. PC Reallocation Update (M. Smith)
Information Technology Services (ITS) reported that approximately 291 computers would be made available for reallocation to units across campus. A call to request reallocated computers was approved by the committee and will be sent out by Academic Affairs via broadcast e-mail. Neal Stoltzfus agreed to serve as chairman of the PC Reallocation sub-committee. Thomas Rodgers and Trey Schwartztenburg agreed to serve on the PC Reallocation sub-committee, with ITS and Budget and Planning available for assistance.

C. STF Summer Decision Process
The committee agreed that the SG President and the STF Chairperson can make decisions up to $25,000.

IV. Next Meeting Date
The next meeting will be scheduled early in the 2014 Fall Semester.

V. Adjourned
Trey Schwartztenburg motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Neal Stoltzfus seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m.

Reminders: Please forward all agenda items and handouts to Jane Cassidy or John Duplantis a minimum of one week prior to the meeting.

Student Representatives: If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send an alternate representative to ensure a quorum.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Cassidy, Chairman
Minutes recorded by Brian McNamara