

LMIS - Library, Media, and Information Systems

The meeting was called to order by Andrew Nierman at 15:03, October 20, 2006.

Present were Stacey Weiss, Katherine Smith, Yvonne Swinth, Bill Dasher, Norm Imamshah, John Hanson, Andrew Nierman, Alyce DeMarais (representing Kris Bartanen), Renée De Voursney (representing Ed Altorfer), Peggy Firman (guest), Karen Fischer, Daniel Sherman, Patrick O'Neil, and Randy Bentson.

Minutes were approved as amended.

Initial discussion covered the Learning Management System advisory committee. It was pointed out that two such committees have been proposed. The consensus was that the membership of these two committees would be merged and developed into a single team to advise on LMS.

Imamshah reported on plans to expand wireless service, electronic classrooms, and other technology. Ron Thomas has provided money for McIntyre and Howarth wireless upgrade from contingency funds. Imamshah will request BTF funds for Wyatt and Jones wireless upgrade and is looking for support from LMIS for a wireless plan.

There was discussion of the cost and features for the proposed electronic classroom addition to McIntyre 202, 204, and 212. The proposal covers more than the minimum electronic classroom identified last year. DeMarais will look at current use of McIntyre 201 to get a sense of the needs.

This led to discussion of other technology.

Battin Lounge (Mc109) has a smart board for our evaluation. Fischer suggested a continuing (standing) request from BTF for upgrade and replacement. Imamshah would like to see something like the wireless priority list for smart boards and other technology. Bentson advised that a smart tablet could drive a projector instead of using a smart board. Imamshah reminded us of an offer by Mark Reinitz to discuss some such technology. Perry commented on the use of a board vs. tablet. O'Neil pointed out that vendors have visited in the past. We discussed the need for a "sandbox" to explore technology, and noted that Library 020 is intended for presentation, not a sandbox.

Imamshah noted there are 59 projectors on campus (Bentson asked for this to be put online), which creates a need for replacement and upgrades. Although budget items note specific facilities for replacement, funds are used to replace or upgrade projectors as needed. When projectors are replaced before failure, they may be redeployed or recycled for parts.

We noted the need to discuss the need for laptops for minimal electronic classrooms.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:04.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Bentson