

LMIS - Library, Media, and Information Systems

Meeting was called to order by at 15:06, November 17, 2006 by Andrew Nierman.

Present were: Katherine Smith, Lotus Perry, Patrick O'Neil, John Hanson, Dan Sherman, Karen Fischer, Andrew Nierman, Alyce DeMarais (representing Kris Bartanen), Randy Bentson, Stacey Weiss, Bill Dasher, Peggy Firman (guest).

Minutes were approved as written.

The wireless committee is extended to include Nierman. It is charged to prioritize spaces in greater detail. Nierman called for discussion of budgeting for wireless and provision of wireless in classrooms. Bentson called for consideration of "lower end" electronics because of the rapidity of obsolescence. Perry characterized the wireless in classrooms as a classroom management issue. Faculty can call for students to close their laptops and put their phones away. O'Neil cited a case where his streaming video is being limited by other traffic. (Was it wireless users?) He seems to have a consistent problem where capacity falls after noon. Thornton reports there is some throttling done at the ResNet boundary, but overall capacity is limited. Capacity and how best to provide Quality of Service filtering is a unresolved issue. Mark Young will be invited to give a briefing. We should expect demands to grow as we learn how better exploit technology.

Discussion shifted to copyright laws: how and what we might distribute via the network. Hanson referred to recent rulings (Cornell case) which seem to be setting newer, tighter limits to how "fair use" is interpreted. This may push us to using more URLs referring to the copyright holder's copies. Firman described services which lease access to streams which are then fetched on demand.

The wireless subcommittee should review how complete the coverage is in areas claimed to be "done". Students may be able to help generate this finer granularity map of coverage.

Next meeting's first agenda item is to review & discuss the TPG plan in our Dec 1 meeting.

Adjourned at 15:54.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Bentson