

## **Library, Media, and Computing Committee (LMAC) Minutes**

**October 5, 2004**

**In attendance were:** Bill Barry, Randy Bentson, Sigrun Bodine, Karen Fischer (ex officio), Rob Hutchinson, Norman Imamshah, Matt Murray, Michael Nanfity (ex officio), Lotus Perry, Ron Stone, and Matt Warning (chair).

1. The minutes of the September 21 meeting were corrected. Instead of “..the Technology Planning Group (TPG) whose role is to prioritize major requests and make a recommendation to the Budget Task Force,” it should read, “...the Technology Planning Group (TPG) whose role is to look at university-wide issues and endorse priorities.”

2. Announcements: Norman Imamshah asked faculty not to store e-mail on the e-mail server for more than one week. They should download their e-mail to their computers. He sent out a campus-wide e-mail regarding this matter.

3. Academic Technology Strategy Discussion: There was discussion on the September 21, 2004, OIS “Proposal for Laptops for Tenure Track Faculty,” which proposes “To offer a laptop as the standard university desktop offering to all 180 tenure track faculty. Faculty will have the choice of a desktop system if they do not wish to have a laptop.” Committee discussion focused on the budget implications of endorsing the laptop proposal. In particular, there was concern that funds for laptops would place in jeopardy funding for two outdated academic servers (a digital asset server and a streaming media server) and funding for the development of a technology-oriented “Teaching and Learning Center” at UPS. Loss of funding for smart classrooms (also known as electronic classrooms) was also a concern.

4. Sigrun Bodine made a motion to endorse the academic servers as the top priority. The motion passed.

5. Randy Bentson made a motion to endorse funding for software including yearly increases. The motion passed.

6. The committee then voted on endorsing the proposal from OIS to make laptops available to all ongoing faculty members. There were 5 in favor of endorsing the proposal, 2 against, and 1 abstention. LMAC endorses the proposal.

7. Lotus Perry brought a memo from the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature endorsing the laptop proposal. It is presented below.

Minutes taken by Rob Hutchinson.

**From:** Department of Foreign Languages and Literature c/o Lotus Perry  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
**To:** Matt Warning, LMAC Chair

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literature endorses the proposal from OIS to offer a laptop to all on-going faculty members. We appreciate the additional flexibility that this proposed change of policy will offer and believe it will have a positive effect in our research and teaching. The Department realizes that not all its faculty members will opt for the laptop at the next upgrade cycle; however, the great majority favors the option. A change in the current policy to allow faculty members to retain the use of their university-provided computers during sabbatical and leaves would also be welcome.

A couple of concerns were raised and clarifications were requested:

1. Will insurance for the laptops be purchased for damage and theft? How about extended warranties?
2. Can the budget include peripheral (ergonomic) enhancements such as an external keyboard and a mouse? Will the University's extension of Wi-Fi on campus allow laptop users enhanced capabilities in the classroom and elsewhere? (i.e. Will there be additional data projectors in classrooms and wireless printing options in the library and other printing stations?)