

**LMAC Minutes
February 11, 2003**

Reinitz volunteered to keep minutes for Spring semester. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as circulated.

Announcements.

Shelley Owen announced brownbag seminars for faculty dealing with various aspects of technology in teaching. These are sponsored by LMAC. There will be six sessions with snacks. The first is Feb. 26 @ noon, focusing on blackboard and streaming media.

Bill Barry asked LMAC members to spread the word that 4 or 5 tech release units are available for next year. The application due date is 2/15.

Smart Pad demo.

Vendors demonstrated the capabilities of the Smart Pad. This is a device that allows the user to add annotations and highlights to images projected from a computer. Video capabilities and handwriting recognition capacities of the product were demonstrated. The system is easy to use for class notes—each “snapshot” of the screen is saved, and can be posted to the web. The units would cost UPS about \$1900 each.

Library Search Update.

There are three candidates for the library director’s position. Their CVs will be distributed to committee members. LMAC members are invited to come to lunch with the candidates from 12:00 to 1:30 on 2/17, 2/14, and 2/28. Marilyn Mitchell urged LMAC members to attend the candidates’ presentations.

Blackboard Update.

There was a discussion of the best dates for future Blackboard training sessions. It was suggested that these be scheduled after the upcoming brown-bag technology lunches in the hope that those would foster interest. Proehl suggested that training sessions be scheduled for the start of Fall semester, when people had more time available. Bill Barry pointed out that training can be arranged quickly if there is sudden interest.

There was a brief discussion of the extent to which training emphasis on campus will shift from html to Blackboard. Some people pointed out that emphasis for class use will shift towards Blackboard. Others pointed out the importance of regular html training for construction of faculty web pages, visibility beyond the University, etc.

Other Business.

Bill Barry brought up the issue of the need for additional data projectors on campus. He will contact the chairs, who will work with faculty to identify campus locations where projectors are most needed. He pointed out that there is growing evidence that a projector is needed in Jones.

Adjourned.

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