

Student Tech Fee Council Minutes

February 24, 2022
Via Teams @ 9am

Present: Jared Gogel, Jaycob Mace, Nik Simurdak, Bea Padilla, and Susan Lonborg

Absent: Ginny Tomlinson, Niranjan Malla, Phuong Nguyen, Julio Espinola, Alejandra Cruz-Martinez, Chris Schedler, and Erin Sulla

Guests: Stacy Swayze, Marla Firman, and Jeff Knackstedt

Minutes: Bea Padilla

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am by the chair, Nik Simurdak.

Updated Lynwood summer lab hours

Mark emailed Bea with updated summer lab hours for the open Lynwood lab. The lab will be open M-TH 10am to 5pm and closed on Fridays. Marla is going to send the council lab stats so we can see when the labs are used most. Bea will send this information to Mark to help him create better lab hours that meet student needs. The council did not approve summer hours for student employees, they will do so after they receive lab stats from Marla.

Updated EDTL funding request

Katie Lawless let Bea know that she no longer needs the \$1,300 she requested from the council to buy a charging cart for the 25 chrome books, she found funding elsewhere. Bea is working with her to get the 25 chrome books transferred to her department.

Shaw 216 upgrade updates

Nik, Chris, and Bea met with Gregg Schlanger on 2/16 to look at the Shaw 216 lab. Gregg suggested using digital art in the labs to stick with the computer theme, he is going to email the council pictures to choose from. The council can pick their favorites, have them framed, and work with facilities to hang them up. While in the space Nik and Chris agreed the space could use some rearranging, as far as computer, tables and furniture go. The lab has a lot of wall space, so Nik mentioned maybe putting decals on walls that will not have the art on them. Bea showed the council pictures of some decals that are located inside Bouillon Hall. The council liked these and asked Bea to reach out to Public Affairs to get more information on designs, colors and prices of potential decals that can go into Shaw 216.

Facilities sent Bea carpet samples. The council needs to pick a color and a pattern before they can move on with the project. Bea showed the council all the colors and

patterns, there were not enough members to vote, so hopefully they will be able to do that via email since facilities needs an answer and we don't want to delay this project another 2 weeks.

Wepa Instagram Survey

Alejandra has been out, no update on the survey, it has not been posted.

On-campus computer labs

There are 5 tech fee labs that need upgrades. L&L 104, Black 226, Black 227, and the two labs in Lynwood. However, the council cannot afford to upgrade all these labs. Marla and Jeff talked about how we can save money upgrading the mac labs by switching to PC's. We can do this because software that used to only be available on Mac, are now available on PC's. If the council wanted to upgrade the L&L and two black labs with Macs, it would cost \$140,000. If they decided to upgrade to mac minis, it would cost \$100,000. But both Jeff and Marla suggested not upgrading L&L 104 because the lab is never used. If the council just updated the black labs with PC's the cost would be \$45,000, a cheaper option. Marla sent Bea a quote to upgrade both the tech fee Lynwood labs, it would cost \$60,866. Unfortunately, the council does not have the budget to support all the on-campus labs anymore. They are still supporting virtual labs, so maybe they can reduce support for some on campus labs, while supporting virtual labs. But the council needs to decide soon on what labs they cannot support anymore because scheduling for fall is starting soon. Jeff also mentioned maybe repurposing a space, instead of a computer lab, maybe it's a lounge, but that would also cost money. The council needs to make this decision at the next tech fee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 am

Voting

Alejandra Cruz-Martinez
Jaycob Mace
Jared Gogel
Julio Espinola
Phuong Nguyen
Bausav Malla
Nik Simurdak
Chris Schedler
Susan Lonborg
Erin Sulla

Non-Voting

Ginny Tomlinson
Bea Padilla