Tech Fee Committee Meeting – 12/03/13

4:00pm
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Present: Chris Pratz, Colin Pringle, Sandy Sperline, Jacob Wittman, Avery Pellet
Ian Loverro, Yosef Gamble, Myles Glover, John Anvik

Chris took a few moments to talk about the need for long term goals for the Tech Fee Committee. He needs to report to the EISC Committee near the end of Spring Quarter. He needs recommendations for long term goals for the computer labs; where do we want to go with labs; how do labs relate to the students using them.

Colin Pringle then took over the meeting with old business. The Ed Tech Center requested monies last week. Request is in the process. Ryan Spencer will be in at 4:30 pm to update us on the request. Any requests are to benefit all CWU students.

Discussion about past 3 year budget plan – info was passed out. We have an incumbent of $271,036.34 at the current time to spend. Tec Fee should have another quarter million over the course of the year. Discussion followed regarding Ledger 1, Ledger 2 and Ledger 3 budgets. Chris said the Tech Fee is a Ledger 3 budget, where we will not lose any money if we do not spend it this fiscal year. The monies will roll over to the next fiscal year. Ledger 1 funds are state funds and Ledger 2 funds are generated from fees, fines, or ticket sales, etc. It was asked what the Admin. Fee was (on the handout) and Ian stated why it was initiated, where it came from and who paid it. Basically, it is a 28% tax on labor (ie. Student lab Assistants), that is self-generated that depts. Spend on labor, not on goods and services. Admin. Fee started around fall quarter of 2011 and the monies go into the general fund account.

It was voted and approved the Tech Fee would set aside $125,000.00 for refreshing older labs with new equipment. Also, voted and approved was $75,000 for requests such as the Ed Tech Center’s request.

Colin talked about surveys going out to all students in January regarding computer labs and classrooms to get their input of what they would like in the computer labs and classrooms.
Ryan Spencer came in and talked about the laptops, iPads and surfaces the Ed tech Center wanted to purchase. Discussion followed. Ryan will give Chris the specs and Chris will get them ordered. Ryan has discussed advertising with Leona Lindvig, Library Media Specialist for the Ed Tech Center, especially outside areas.

Chris asked the students if they have used the laptops in the SURC or the Library. Several of the students have used them in the past and like them. Chris also asked if they have used the charging stations. One person said the cords were too short and you had to stand right there to charge them, but they think it’s a great idea to have them available to students. Ian asked about the kiosks around campus, if the students have used those. They have but you can’t print from them. Chris indicated LabStats were just put on them so he’ll be able to track the usage now. He also stated the kiosks came about as a way to have public access for the internet.

Discussion then turned to PaperCut. Ian told how it came about and why. It seems to have impacted very few students in terms of paying out of pocket and has stopped the worst offenders.

Colin went back to old business asking about a replacement for Jacob Radovich. Jacob Wittman is working on getting another person to attend the next meeting.

The EISC Committee will present the data regarding the survey sent to students to the Faulty Senate on Feb 5th, Colin will then present the data to us at our Feb. meeting. He would like to have a proposal from us to the EISC Committee by the end of spring quarter.

Colin spoke on continuity for the Tech Fee Committee. He would like to see consistency in the meeting times, dates and student and faculty retaining their positions on the committee in the future. He would like at least 1-2 students and faculty to roll over so the committee doesn’t have to start new every year. Jacob Wittman mentioned that Colin should let the BOD Board know about wanting continuity and that he (Jacob) will make a notebook for the BOD representative for future reference. Colin asked if we should meet once a month or twice a month and it was decided twice a month would be best. Our next meeting tentatively, will be on Tuesday, Jan. 14th at 4:00pm in Bouillon 211. Discussion
followed on times and dates for future meetings. Colin will “Doodle” all of the members for their schedules and then decide what times and dates fit best.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm