

Information Resources Committee Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2010, 12:00pm

Attending:

Haldun Aytug
Bill Bomberger
Jason Colquitt
Sandy Kramer
Robyn LeBoeuf
Tawnya Means
Andy Naranjo
Eric Olsen

Eric provided some updates on a number of issues:

- Stuzin 104 will be renovated with new screens, new touch panels, new recording facilities, new lighting, and new audio system. Much of the work will be done by the beginning of the summer, with all of the work done by the end of the summer.
- The classroom software will be upgraded to Windows 7. Faculty can upgrade to Windows 7 if they want. The transition takes time, and may include getting a temporary machine for a day or so.
- The look of Sakai is being planned out, in order to strike a balance between the default look and the design preferences of the College. There will be a limited switchover in the summer, more in the fall, and a mandatory switchover in the spring.
- A new more user-friendly icon-based touch panel will be installed in Hough Hall, and in Stuzin Hall at the beginning or end of the summer. The same panel will also be installed in Gerson 126.
- The faculty data management system, designed to prevent faculty from needing to enter the same information multiple times, is moving forward.

Bill will write a summary document of the technology survey feedback, circulate it, then distribute to Gary. Eric has already begun working on many of the issues raised in the survey.

Haldun noted that a new course will be rolled out to undergraduates that has specific Excel requirements that not all students may be equipped to handle. The college policy requires only a working PC that can access the internet, so the question becomes what faculty can do when they need specific hardware or software that goes beyond what the college policy requires. Eric noted that there are a number of virtualization options, but the question is whether faculty need to be armed with some policy that guarantees the availability of such support.

Students who do not have the required setup cannot be charged extra, and their revenue would be lost if they decided not to take the class. Eric will assess what his peers at other schools do to handle this problem.