

ACADEMIC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

AITC
Friday, April 17, 2015
12:00-1:00 p.m.
Sacramento Hall Room 275

MINUTES

Members Present: Sylvester Bowie, Chia-Jung Chung, Rachel Clarke, Ron Coleman, Dennis Dahlquist, Carolyn Gibbs, David Moore, Linda Parker (for Christine Miller), Mary Reddick, Mark Rodriguez, Mike Wimple

Also Present: Jim Prince

1. Ron Coleman agreed to take notes.
2. We Vice-Provost Jim Prince in attendance to discuss the computer refresh so we had an abbreviated meeting with respect to minutes and open forum.
3. Open Forum

Mark Rodriguez: SacCT upgrade on Sat Aug 2. Please be sure to target email to Summer Session Two faculty.

Renovations will be happening to AIRC 1010 (Studio classroom). Mary R. pointed out that the previous renovations to AIRC 3013 were not ideal and hopefully knowledge gained from that will be applied to AIRC 1010.

Lucinda: Summer maintenance. On Sat May 30th, starting at midnight, done by 6am, EVERYTHING will go down.

4. Refresh issue

We had a lengthy discussion about the new computer refresh process.

By the old process, money was allocated to the Colleges as part of the end-of-year equipment money, and the college could decide how to spend that, including spending some on computers.

In the new current process, money is allocated to colleges at the rate of \$1000 per faculty member needing a new computer. Faculty then choose from Standard models, or can choose a custom model. Any difference in cost between the \$1000 and the cost of the machine is the college's responsibility. The money actually goes to IRT – they buy the machines in bulk.

Questions: what was the justification for centralizing versus the previous college-centered process? Does the new way really save money? What about part-timers, library, etc?

Key points: Communication and transparency are critical.

Issue: Is the baseline funding (\$1000) sufficient for any/some/ most faculty?

Consider: Some colleges were very happy with the old process. Could individual colleges “opt-out” of the new process and buy their own machines?

[key point of the new process is maintaining a 4 year refresh, so any opt-outs would have to guarantee that]

5. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be April 30, 12- 1 pm, SAC 275.