Technology Steering Committee
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CMS Platform -
• The Blackboard purchase of WebCT is now complete. Support of WebCT will be extended another six months to Fall of 2007. The on-line advisory committee has been formed.

Classroom Wiring -
• Mike reported 85% of the unwired classrooms have good or better access to wireless connection.

AV Streaming of MIAA Games -
• President Farley, Tom, and Mike met with the MIAA in Kansas City. The MIAA wants each school to broadcast games this fall. President Farley is chair of the sub-committee looking into broadcasting the games. Each school is to turn in a pro forma with estimated costs to Dr. Farley by Friday. The broadcasts will require extra staff, however, the same technology could be used in the classroom.

Faculty IT Advisory Committee -
• The newly organized committee consists of: Rosemary Walker – Business, Sara Tucker – DART, History (ex officio and Social Sci), David Weed – English (Humanities), Gary Schmidt – CIS (Science), Kathy Menzie – MM (Fine Arts), David Pownell – Education (Educ. and HP), Don Kellogg – Applied Studies, Debbie Isaacson – Nursing

Campus-wide Tech Plan -
• Team members consist of Bob Stoller, Sue Jarchow, Donna LaLonde, Bob Boncella, and Mike Gunter.

Microsoft Campus Agreement Expansion -
• We now spend $36,000 per year for Microsoft updates. For an additional $100,000 we can extend it to students, faculty, and staff. If everyone takes part it would be worth the expense, since everyone would be using the same software instead of outdated versions.

• This should be included in budget requests for the next budget cycle if it is something we want to pursue. Mike will discuss it with the on-line and faculty advisory committees.

Administrative Access to Computers -
• Some employees are wanting more security access for their PCs so they can install their own software.
• We need to relate the purpose for the controls is to protect Washburn and employees rather than to curtail any civil liberties.
• More discussion will need to take place to decide how to balance security requirements and rigid controls.
• Mike will discuss the issue with Nancy Tate.

Unified Directory -
• An enterprise directory including address info for all users is necessary.

HiPACE Academic Computing Environment -
• Mike has been talking with Steve Angel and Gary Schmidt about a data center in Stoffer managed by faculty and students.

• Wanda indicated it would drastically affect the Stoffer renovation budget. Ron said the costs, risks, and alternatives will need to be weighed.

Computer Purchases and Configurations -
• Mike said they are getting ready to purchase additional PCs to replace net stations. The price has decreased so we may be able to buy more than originally planned. He said we have software unique to Washburn and we should be able to have one machine loaded with our software and then clone all others from that drive. The priority is to get the equipment to the user as soon as possible after it comes in.

Pay for Print -
• The Law School wants to charge a fee to non-Law School students for printing to their printers. Mike indicated they print 265,000 pages per year. Ron suggested Mike ask the Law School for a business plan.

Wiretapping-friendly Campus Network -
• Mike distributed an article from CNET News. FCC has approved ruling stating CALEA must be complied with by May 2007.

Support and Chargeback for IT Services -
• Some departments don't call IT for service because they think they will be charged for it.
• Areas providing their own source of funding to pay for operations are currently charged. All other areas are not charged for IT services.
• Ron and Mike will work with Dean McQuere and Dean Sollars to determine what services are paid by ISS and what services their areas pay for.

Ceiling Data Projectors -
• Security mounts will be included in the cost of replacement projectors.