Technology Steering Committee
March 26, 2007

Members Present: Mike Gunter, Donna LaLonde, Al Dickes, Denise Ottinger, Ron Wasserstein, Bob Boncella, Tom Ellis

Around Campus -
• Received grant for statistical based research. SPSS access was discussed. Only 16 licenses are available. Donna said instructors are going to want to use it and she is not comfortable with providing it to “anyone who asks.” Ron said the current pricing of SPSS prohibits students logging in for a class. SysStat, at $650 for 21 seats, is much less expensive. Bob said he wasn’t sure people would use SysStat. Ron asked how other schools are handling it. SPSS has a one time fee of $3,000 per seat, which does not include maintenance. The student version is $50 and can be installed on student home computers, but not University owned computers. Mike will purchase a student version, see what features it has, and determine if it can be run without being installed.
• Adobe software has been ordered
• Work-at-home rights for Office 2007 have been purchased. Ron indicated he has been using Office 2007 for a while and likes it. He said older computers may have a bit of a problem with it.

SunGard Summit 2007 -
• Mike distributed highlights from last week’s Summit.
  ▪ ODS - The new version 3.1 version is being released. The previous versions have had significant data replication problems. We are planning on waiting to see if the problems are fixed in this version.
  ▪ EDW – Executive Data Warehouse provides summaries for upper management. An alliance with Cognos was announced at the meetings.
  ▪ Enrollment Management – A suite of 6 products is being pushed for enrollment management. ODS and EDW have to be running for it to work. They intend to have the pre-admission piece ready by the end of 2007. It is built on Cognos so it will be expensive.

Technology Requests –
• Requests for technology equipment were distributed. Ron said at this point the committee is not being asked to prioritize, but to make sure the items are correctly categorized. Any corrections should be sent to him. They will run the list by the faculty advisory committee and then will bring it back to the Steering Committee for prioritization.
• Ron said a 4-5 year cycle is built into the model. He pointed out there are no funds requested for Telephony even though there is a $35,000 model amount for this category. He said even though the funds aren’t being used this year they cannot be used for another category since they may be held and combined with additional funds for a more expensive purchase for next year.
• Allocation recommendations will be provided to the committee prior to the next meeting.
• A question was brought up about copy machines. Ron said any network devices should be considered technology equipment rather than other equipment.
• Tom said he wished the model had one more component which asks the department to describe the rationale for the request. Ron said they could go back to the individual departments and ask them to refine the priorities.