Technology Steering Committee
April 9, 2007

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

Around Campus -
• RFI responses, with preliminary pricing, have been received.
• Mike met with the Faculty IT Advisory Council to review technology requests.
• Demo computers are available for test drive in Bennett 102.
• The student version of SPSS can only go on a stand alone machine. It will not even install on computers in the domain.

WUAD Administrative Access –
• Mike distributed emails from faculty members concerned about not having administrative access to their PCs.
• For central control purposes all machines are being put on the security domain. This means ITS does not have to visit every machine when upgrades are needed.
• Donna said it’s very frustrating, and part of the innovation gets lost, when she and other faculty find they can’t load software on their machines that will assist them in their classrooms.
• Bob said the faculty should be made aware of the reasons for security. He supports the idea of having a “super-user” in each academic area.
• When asked about the security issues involved Mike indicated the main concern is security from identity theft, along with the manpower issue.
• David asked how other campuses handle administrative access.
• Mike will discuss access with the Faculty Senate this afternoon. He will let them know the risks and responsibilities of having administrative privileges. A balance is needed to protect the security of the University without restricting academic flexibility.
• The need for a faculty IT committee was discussed. It was decided the current Faculty Advisory Committee is sufficient and this group needs to report back to Faculty Senate.

Technology Requests –
• Mike distributed a timeline for technology requests. There were 128 items requested for a total of $1.4 million. This will need to be whittled down to the $400,000 in available funds. Recommendations will need to be made for an additional $200,000 in equipment in case additional funds become available.
• How the requests fit into the IT funding model was discussed.
• Mike, Donna, Bob, and Ron will work on narrowing down the recommendations for Executive Staff.