Informational Technology Committee
Minutes: March 18, 2005

Ex-Officio: Scott Erardi, Sherry Pesino, Roy Temple.

ITS/Media Center reports:

Temple:
Grant money came through and this has allowed for speeding up installation of 11 MM stations, and perhaps a 12th later
Stations are in the process of being installed in the following 11 rooms: FD 105, EW 225, HK 129, NC 20102, HB 322 EW 314, FD 013, NC 221, MS 321, NC 24403, NC 22406

Installations for the following four may occur later:
NC 22409, NC 22411, NC 22412, LD 213

A budget request to replace screens in Vance was made, though the screen in 305 will be replaced the following week.

Pesino:
As migration team leader for WebT CT/VISTA, Pesino needs to develop pilot groups of courses to test for winter session 2006. She is interested in having courses that make light, moderate, and strong use of WebCT to assess how well such courses handle the migration process.

Burkholder (in good humor) urged her to make sure grade book migrates.

Pesino noted that the migration of various features won’t be known until Wintersessionn.

There was general conversation about the challenges of migration and expanding features in the news system, including discussion between LaRose and Pesino about the challenges of migrating his online datamining courses. Pesino indicated she has viewed LaRose’s courses as candidates for the pilot.
Erardi:
The CSU system wants to go online with job applications. People for jobs advertised in classified ads would be the initial audience. Committee members discussed the challenges that would come with putting online applications for national faculty searches, which often involve portfolios. There are no concrete plans; Erardi’s intent was mainly to let the committee know about a venture in its early phases.

Burkholder asked about the problem creating forms that has been caused by the deletion of Frontpage extensions from the Arts & Science server. Erardi explained that although budgetary resources are not being directed at the problem now, IT could broker outsourcing arrangements for faculty.

Burkholder asked that the committee looking into Webauthoring tools to replace FrontPage hold a meeting before the end of the semester.

Erardi reported that although all four CSU campuses are not interested in pursuing LiftText, CCSU and another campus are still interested. LiftText would allow the creation of text versions of websites, enhancing compliance with ADA.

Burkholder:
Led committee in a discussion of possible Vista questions dealing with business and administrative issues to pose in a survey of the CSU Presidents. The questions, which came out of business/admin team meetings, addresses various questions about predicted WebtCT VISTA usage, desirability for different levels of training and usage of VISTA too.

The committee felt many of the questions—particularly those dealing with usage projections for 2008, and 2012—were nearly impossible to get legitimate answers on.

Burkholder asked about desired technical support, which started a conversation about night hours for the help desk and what ideal coverage might be.

The next ITC meeting will be May 6.