Information Technology Committee

April 9, 2010 1:00 PM, Burritt Library Classroom, 3rd Floor Meeting Minutes

Present and signed in: Herman, Blitz, Burkholder, Gadalla, Iglesias, Mark Jackson (substitute for Doan), Kara-Soteriou, Kurkovsky, Labedz, Saha, Todd, Washko (guest), Pierce (guest).

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

II. The minutes of the March 5, 2010 meeting were approved by voice vote without amendment.

III. Announcements. There were none.

IV. Old Business

A report on compiled software requests was given by Herman for Menoche. He has requested a meeting with the Provost regarding this, on a date to be determined. Washko announced that IT will pay the first $70,000, with requesters to write up and submit purchase requests.

Herman announced that a short survey regarding PC/Mac Classrooms was ready to be moved forward, and that Petrosino has sent room specifications and usage data to Herman. There is a possibility that an underutilized room may be discovered and outfitted with student computers. Washko offered to create the survey instrument for the committee and to cause it to be broadcast.

V. New Business

Washko reported on a change in funding source for AppleCare warranties, driven by the System Office due to exclusion from the 2020 bond money. Blitz suggested that our AppleCare representative be invited to appear for discussion, and that AppleCare perhaps be included in hardware pricing. Washko alluded to a similar issue arising with Dell.

Discussion of new print server settings was skipped, noting that “small issues” were raised thereby for natural sciences laboratories.

Blitz reported with respect to a proposal for provider of external blogs, wikis, etc. He discussed WordPress as a “better alternative” to Final Site. Funding of $500 to $600 for this measure was deemed easy. It was noted that a working group, and not the IT help desk, would need to support WordPress. Blitz proposed a resolution approving such a group, to be populated by Blitz, Iglesias, Pierce and Burkholder, which Labedz seconded, and which passed by voice vote.

Herman announced a call for volunteers for the Elections Committee. She asked that candidates inform her, and she promised to send a list-serve reminder.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Chet Labedz, pro tempore