STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TFAC) MEETING
Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 4:00 p.m., Memorial Union, Rose Room
Meeting Notes by CeCe Rohwedder
Approved on April 26, 2012

Present: Rian Nostrum, Chair; Jake Bechtold, Anne Denton, Gary Fisher, Jim Hammond, Sydney Hull (at 4:50 p.m.), Tanya Kramer, Tyrell Martin, Galen Mayfield, CeCe Rohwedder
Absent: Jarrett Hart, Chris Nelson, David Wittrock, DK Yoon

Rian called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. Process for Future Increases to the Student Technology Fee:
The committee will hold a yearly discussion, in September or October, of a possible increase in the following year, with the IT Division providing budget information for the upcoming year along with recommendations for funding. Rian discussed this option with Interim VPIT Marc Wallman, and he is in agreement with this model. The committee’s decision each year will be presented to Student Senate so that the students may be informed and involved.

Additional discussion:
• Increase in funding from other sources should continue to be incorporated into the yearly discussions; an example is IT Division’s fee for actual services, scheduled to begin in FY2014.
• It is problematic that faculty grants often include funding for IT costs, and that funding does not reach the IT Division to be utilized for the services identified in the grants.
• A discussion at the deans’ level about administration picking up some costs may be effective.

2. Use of Upcoming 18% Student Technology Fee Increase:
The options are to:
1. Change the allocation percentage in the Bylaws;
2. Change the Bylaws to feature a specific dollar amount available for action plans based on historical allocations; or
3. Ask the IT Division to submit to the committee a proposal (not necessarily an actual action plan) for the equivalent of the 18% increase

It was agreed to go with option #2, utilizing a $300,000 per year amount of student technology fee funds to be available each year and to evaluate that amount on a regular basis.

Rian will incorporate this revision into the Bylaws, as well as other revisions as necessary, and present a draft for a first reading at the group’s upcoming meeting to review the spring proposals.

3. Next Meeting: the committee will meet in the second part of April. We are currently short two student members.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.