Delivering core solutions and propelling innovation

TECHNOLOGY FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TFAC) MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2007, 2 p.m.
Quentin Burdick Building 206E

MEETING NOTES
Approved at the 2/7/18 meeting

Present: Anne Denton, Chair; Warren Christensen, Marisa Mathews, Ken Mbuba, Ben Miller, Fatima Shittu (for Halima Shittu), Melissa Stotz, CeCe Rohwedder

Unable to attend: Mari Borr, Jeff Dertinger, Dominic Fettig, Jerry Gao, Jared Melville, Adam Muske, Lauren Singelmann, Halima Shittu, David Wittrock

1. Decide who wants to go to the Dean’s Council meeting at 9:30am on 11/16: Anne Denton, Marisa Mathews, Ben Miller, Ken Mbuba, Warren Christensen, maybe Halima Shittu. Mostly the students will present.

2. Who will prepare the presentation(s): Ben and Marisa. A dry run will take place at 2pm the day before the presentation in the Student Government Office.

3. How to structure the presentation (whether to have slides, if so how many, how long the presentation will be vs. room for questions): plan on 8-10 minutes and allow 5 minutes for a Q&A. Ben will bring a laptop, in case it’s needed. About 8 slides will be prepared.

4. What will be roughly the content of the presentation?
   A. Innovative projects are sought. Historically, if TFAC does not consider projects to be sufficiently innovative, they will not fund them, even if that means leaving money on the table – unawarded.
   B. This award project is great for small projects that may at some point in the future lead to greater impact.
   C. The direct impact to students is also a factor in determining whether a project may be funded.
   D. The TFAC bylaws (on the TFAC website) call for accepting proposals of innovative projects that directly impact students.
   E. Include that it seems that state government, more so than the legislature, is very interested in technology, and in innovative technologies in pedagogy.
F. The role of the deans is to get word to their colleges that this program exists and communicate a clear understanding of the type of projects being encouraged.

5. If there is anything we want to know from the Dean’s Council?
   A. What the TFAC has been doing over the years, and whether there are any improvements they would like to see.
   B. Would they be interested in letting the role of TFAC grow in terms of increasing the revenue source for technology needs at NDSU?

6. Discuss if there is anything else to decide at this point: maybe hold a TFAC tour yearly of projects that have been funded by TFAC awards? How about a virtual reality TFAC tour? Student Gov’t has been discussing short, 1-minute videos, and TFAC projects could be one of these videos.