Academic Technology Committee
Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Minutes

Washington Street Campus
Library 113 – 1:30-3:30 pm

Present
Diane Brice, Daniel Esquivel, Dan Ferguson, Jeff Gibson, Mindy Graham, Vicky Taylor-Gore,
Mark Hanna, Bob Johnson, Verena Johnson, Patsy Lemaster,
Collin Witherspoon

Absent
Larry Adams, Toni Gray, Jan Martin, Ron Mashburn, April Sessler, Mark Usnick

Guests
Scott Beckett, Lee M. Colaw

I. Review/Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2010

The minutes and finished questions were distributed and reviewed. Dan Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes with the discussed changes. The motion was seconded by Mindy Graham and passed.

II. Discussions/Information

- **Lee M. Colaw - Angel Transition**
  o Lee M. Colaw distributed a memo to the Academic Technology Committee and provided detailed information about the status of Angel version 7.4 and the timeline for transition to BlackBoard NG or another viable alternative called Moodlerooms

  o Amarillo College will continue in its planning for a migration to Blackboard NG, however, faculty are encouraged to look at a viable alternative named Moodlerooms which is closely integrated with the College's existing Datatel system. If there are any faculty concerns about the transition to Blackboard NG then all faculty are encouraged to talk to their colleagues, ATC, and the Center for Teaching and Learning about the Moodlerooms alternative. A decision as to whether the faculty want to transition to BlackBoard NG or Moodlerooms is required by December 2011.

- **iOS Think Tank - Scott Beckett,   Instructor, Music**
  o Scott Beckett spoke to the committee about starting an iOS Think Tank to explore new technology. Mindy Graham made a motion to support the iOS Think Tank. The motion was seconded by Bob Johnson and passed. Scott can be contacted for more information.

- **Review ATC Charter – Recommendation – Daniel Ferguson, Victoria Taylor-Gore, Mindy Graham**
  o The handout of the ATC Charter recommendations from Dan Ferguson, Victoria Taylor-Gore and Mindy Graham were reviewed by the committee. It was determined that each ATC member would give their area a chance to review and make changes before the next meeting.   Forward Dan any changes or updates before the next meeting. A finalized document will be voted on at the next meeting.

- **AC Online/Internet Explorer - Patsy Lemaster & Daniel Ferguson – (Firefox preferred Browser)**
  o There has been an issue with assessing links in Angel when using Internet Explorer. As a result, CTL has designated Firefox as the preferred browser for AC Online. CTL has reported the problem to Blackboard but no solutions have been found. If additional problems arise using Firefox, alternative directions will be provided as available and possible.

III. New Business
None

IV. <u>Reports</u>

<u>Daniel Ferguson – IT Council</u>
- o We met on the East Campus and toured the truck and bus classrooms. Our trucking school is the only school in the nation to utilize the latest tracking device, which sends signals every two minutes providing GPS location, average speed, mileage, etc. (I was very impressed!)
- o Ed Nolte presented us with the plan to consolidate some programs into fewer buildings, thus reducing costs to the College.
- o Parcells Hall renovations are coming along well and should be finished before the fall semester.
- o Byrd Business Building renovations will begin this summer and will be finished before the fall semester in 2012
- o The B & I Campus is getting a new Life Enrichment Center south of the campus.
- o Lee Colaw is working on changing our outgoing Caller I.D. so that it reflects that actual number instead of 371-5000.
- o Computer replacements are coming along. There was a delay due to inventory inaccuracies, but they are proceeding now.

<u>Diane Brice – Administrative Technology Committee</u>
- o Diane reported she had everything Dan Ferguson covered in his report, except for MyAC is going to Google Mail in March. Queries that are currently being used should be moved so they are not lost in this transition.

<u>April Sessler, Verena Johnson – AC Online Support Team Report</u>
No meeting

V. <u>New Questions (if any)</u>
Has anything changed with Datatel login? A report was made that the user name had been changed from the normal (1st 5 of last name) to the same as her network login (ex. Jlgibson21).

VI. <u>Other discussion</u>
If students are struggling with technology in your classes, remind them that Gay Mills teaches beginners' classes on technology. In addition, Buster Bonjour can help in LIB 300C.

VII. <u>Next Meeting –</u> March 28, 2011 – 1:30-3:30 pm – Library 113

VIII. <u>Adjourn –</u> 3:10 pm