

Faculty Committee on Educational Technology Minutes, meeting of Monday September 15, 2003, second draft

Science Center room 106

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

Present: Jeff Wragg, Chair; W. Frank Kinard; Brenton LeMesurier, Secretary; David Mann; Michael Phillips; and David Cohen, ex officio.

1. Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule for Fall 2003 was set initially as
Monday October 13
Monday November 17
all at 5pm in Science Center room 106.

If needed, an additional meeting will be scheduled for December.

2. Old Business

According to former chair Brenton LeMesurier, there is, strictly speaking, no incomplete old business. However several ongoing projects at the College will likely demand the committee's attention.

a) One is the ongoing project on student Information technology literacy. David Cohen reported that a trial of IT literacy evaluation software had been done over the summer, with a fair degree of success. Committee members were invited to try this online test. An Ad Hoc Committee On The Assessment of Information Technology Competency have been created at the College that will address some of these issues; common members between that committee and this one are David Mann and Bob Fowler; the latter is its chair.

b) Another is the policy proposal drafted by this committee on procedures for responding to law enforcement requests involving access to computers. This has been reported to the faculty Senate, but has not been adopted officially. Jeff Wragg said that he would follow up with the Speaker of the Faculty Senate.

3. New Business

3a) Paul Young and others have raised the ideas of using some online method such as a WebCT survey to administer students evaluations of courses and professors. This ideas was generally supported by committee members. However, a new Committee On Electronic Evaluation [correct name?] has recently been created, so this committee agreed to refer the subject there.

3b) Marcia Moore, Director of ACTS, asked for our comments on a new policy about student email distribution lists (compulsory membership) and listservs (voluntary subscription). Former chair LeMesurier had been involved informally in reviewing this proposal over the summer, and the committee had no objections and this will be reported back to her.

4. The meeting adjourned at 5:46pm.

Submitted in revised form by Brenton LeMesurier, October 14, 2003