**Educational Technology Resources and Policy Committee**

**Meeting of 2009 February 6**

**Minutes**

**Present:** John Bruggink (Biology), Mike Burgmeier (Secretary, Library), Dave Donovan (Physics), Mark Flaherty (Chair, Music), John Limback (Academic Computing), David Phillips (ASNMU), Matt Smock (Instructional Design, Technology, and Media)

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of January 23: Donovan/Phillips. Minutes approved.

**Report from the Chair**

None

**Report from Academic Computing (John Limback)**

Limback discussed the laptop issues recently raised by Alec Lindsay. In an email sent to faculty and Academic Computing, Lindsay voiced concerns about a number of continual problems he has been encountering with the university issued laptop. Believing that he is not alone, Lindsay encouraged other faculty across campus to report laptop problems to Academic Computing.

Limback indicated that he has reviewed data from HelpDesk surveys which indicates users have generally been satisfied with the help they received (i.e. problems have been resolved). These surveys do not identify user groups (students, faculty, or staff) but Academic Computing has plans to begin collecting this information to help identify problems specific to each user group. Additionally, Academic Computing plans to publish various statistics next fall in an effort to be more transparent.

Limback reported that Academic Computing recently looked at pricing and noted that the Mac costs 35% more than the comparable Lenovo model. Statistics from the HelpDesk indicate that the Macbooks have just as many problems as the Lenovo laptops.

Limback suggested that ETRPC might be a good venue to get more input and involvement from faculty regarding laptop issues. Donovan recommended that we make a greater effort to publicize our intent to discuss these issues in upcoming meeting announcements.

**Report from Instructional Design, Technology, and Media (Matt Smock)**

None

**Unfinished Business**

**Faculty Laptop Distribution Proposal**

Donovan will write up procedurally how he goes about swapping out the old laptop with the new model. Since he has more pressing priorities right now, he should have something to present to the committee after spring break.

Donovan wondered if we should survey the faculty to gauge how much interest there is for being able to keep the old laptop for a week. He also suggested we submit the proposed policy to the TLC Steering Committee this spring so ample time is given before the next faculty laptop distribution.

**Green Computing**

Flaherty passed out a handout of green computing strategies for review by committee members. After some discussion and clarifying recommendations, a list of 9 strategies emerged. Flaherty indicated that he has also contacted University Facilities to get their input. He will incorporate what he learns from Facilities and share with the committee at a future meeting. The plan is to post the final list of strategies on the web and promote it throughout the university.

**New Business**

None

**Good of the Order**

None

Meeting adjourned 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Burgmeier, Secretary