University of Washington
Faculty Council on Educational Technology

The Faculty Council on Educational Technology met Thursday, May 5, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in 36 Gerberding. Co-chair James Kitts called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m..

Synopsis:
1. Agenda, Chairs' Announcements, Open Announcements, Minutes
2. Progress reports by task groups –
   - Automated Plagiarism Check
   - Wireless Implementation
   - Core Priorities
   - Performance Contracts
3. Co-chair / vice-chair plan

Approve agenda, announcements, minutes
The agenda was approved, the minutes were approved.

Kitts noted that attendance this past year has improved, but could have been better. However, the terms of the non-attendees are coming to an end so this may not be an issue for next year. Kitts encouraged everyone to attend so the Council can do its work effectively.

Kalpana Kanal reported on the Senate Executive Council meeting, at which six new FCET members were nominated and approved for three year terms beginning in Fall Quarter 2005.

Kanal will write the FCET Annual Report for the Faculty Senate. She asked for a brief summary of the work of each subcommittee (1-2 paragraphs). Arnie Berger will send Kanal a paragraph on wireless implementation.

Cara Lane announced that the Educational Technology survey has gone out to selected faculty members. She encouraged everyone to respond to the survey. A paper copy will be sent to those who do not respond online.

Arnie Berger advised Council members that his book, Hardware & Computer Organization: A Software Perspective, is now available. It includes a DVD-ROM, with streaming media interviews of noteworthy computer scientists. (ISBN:0750678860)

Progress Reports:
Electronic Plagiarism Subcommittee – Arnie Berger has revised the Plagiarism Study proposal based on input from Kay Pilcher and Werner Kaminski. The teaching element has been folded in to the proposal, which changes the focus to a less punitive one. Berger asked for Council endorsement and a commitment to continue work on the project during the next academic year.

The proposal should also include a road map of "next steps," Berger said, so it can proceed despite the normal turnover of membership on FCET. He envisioned the proposal being submitted to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) and ultimately to the Faculty Senate to raise awareness of the issue and the study.

Kitts supported the revised proposal, but wanted to find other participants to endorse and execute the study. Buy-in from some other Faculty Councils will raise awareness and give needed support and momentum. Part of the action plan should be to seek out appropriate partners to help with the study.

After discussion, it was decided to forward the proposal for review to the Center for Instructional Development and Research (CIDR), the Education School, the Faculty Council on Student Affairs (FCSA), and the Faculty Council on Instructional Quality (FCIQ). The response from these groups will go a long way toward testing whether the proposal is on the right track, and perhaps garner some extra support and help.

Kitts will talk to Wayne Jacobson at CIDR, Kanal will talk to the chairs of FCSA and FCIQ. Berger will talk to FCEO. Nancy McMurrer will contact her colleagues at the UW Libraries to see who might be interested in working on this topic. The libraries have already done some interesting educational work on plagiarism.

Wireless Implementation
Arnie Berger told the Council that he and Shawn Brixey have alternated attending the ATACS group that is implementing wireless policy. They have concluded they are attending the wrong group, because it does not have the power to make policy. Oren Sreebny (who chairs that group) agrees there should be a classroom policy for wireless, but has made it clear that he believes creating the policy is the province of the faculty.

Berger recommended partnering with the Faculty Council on Student Affairs (FCSA) to develop a policy, since wireless technology has distinct implications for classroom teaching and control.

It was agreed that there should be a policy that agrees with the RCW, but gives UW faculty control over the classroom. In view of the ASUW position that the RCW Student Conduct Code is already sufficient, Kitts suggests that a policy be developed that contravenes that position.

Core Priorities
Nancy McMurrer and Kay Pilcher are working on incorporating the revisions to FCET Core Priorities suggested during the April meeting. They will send out a draft in time for discussion at the June meeting.

Performance Contracts
Shawn Brixey could not attend today, so it was not known what "small but meaningful" edits he recommends be done on the performance contracts. Kitts will contact Brixey to see what he had in mind.

Co-Chair/Vice-Chair Plan
Kitts asked for clarification as to whether it was the will of the group that Kalpana Kanal should serve as FCET Chair for the 2005-2005 academic year, and whether assuming the role of Vice-Chair was acceptable to Werner Kaminsky. Kanal agreed to serve as Chair, with the understanding that she would delegate some meeting attendance to other FCET members. Kaminsky agreed to serve as Vice-Chair, but will defer if someone else is eager to do it.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. *Minutes by Linda Fullerton, Recorder.*

Present: Berger, Kaminsky, Kanal, Kitts, Leggott, McMurrer, Lane
Absent: Brixey**,** Gravlee, Leggott, Rojas, Roth, Sinanan, Albrecht, Lewis, Pilcher, Szatmary