

Minutes of Student Computer Ownership (SCO) Committee Meeting on 09-Oct-2008

Attending: Christos Alexopoulos, Lori Critz, Miles Edson, Jon Giffin, Andy Jones, Lisa Sence, Bruce Walker

Absent or Excused: Monty Hayes, Nicholas Sondej, Alex Taubman

We introduced the new student members of the committee, one of whom was able to attend the committee meeting.

We continued the discussion from September's committee meeting regarding the desire to allow students freedom to choose their own hardware and software while still maintaining compatibility and interoperability with instructional needs. We are considering a two-tiered recommendation system: the first tier gives general, institute-wide computing requirements; the second tier lists specific, exceptional software needs for certain schools or courses. General computing requirements can be conveyed in the same manner as in previous years via a brochure and the SCO website. We discussed at length how to collect specific needs from faculty and how to present the needs to students. One conclusion was to integrate these needs with textbook information given to students via the Oscar registration system and to have school administrators enter software needs into Oscar in the same way that they enter textbook needs. We are pursuing discussions with academic IT staff in schools to see if they can convey software needs for courses to school administrators.

Christos will initiate discussions with school-level academic IT staff to see if they are able to identify software needs by course.

Lisa will meet with CoA and CoE about special software needs among faculty in those colleges. She will additionally communicate with the Registrar's office to determine if including course-specific software requirements in Oscar is feasible.

Next meeting to be held 04 November 2008 at 3:00 in the OIT Resource Center.