

Minutes of Student Computer Ownership (SCO) Committee Meeting on 25-Nov-2008

Attending: Christos Alexopoulos, Miles Edson, Jon Giffin, Nicholas Sondej, Lisa Spence, Alex Taubman, Bruce Walker

Absent or Excused: Lori Critz, Andy Jones, Monty Hayes, Jarek Rossignac

Alex reported back regarding Barnes & Noble's ability to include course-specific software requirements in their existing database of textbook needs. B&N is able to add a software field with little difficulty; the only challenge is acquiring and entering the data. He was uncertain if it is possible to get data dumps out of the database for use by non-B&N entities such as OIT.

Lisa is meeting with various GT staff to gather course-specific information for entry into the B&N database. She will subsequently meet with Alex to discuss the collected data. Although committee members are gathering the data manually this year, we hope to automate data collection in future years by integrating software requests with textbook requests sent out to faculty.

Jon presented a first draft of the 2009 SCO brochure for distribution to new freshmen joining GT in the summer and fall of 2009. Extensive discussion led to suggested revisions. Jon will make these revisions and pass around a new version of the brochure to committee members for continued review.