

Student Computer Ownership Committee

Meeting: March 15, 2013, 9:00 am

Library Room 521

Attending:

Elected Faculty: Alexopoulos, Christos ISyE; Critz, Lori (Chair) Library; Kim, Hyesoon CoC- CS; Potter, Steve BME; Walker, Bruce Psych

Ex Officio Members: Edson, Miles Aux. Serv.; McDaniel, Steven Aux. Serv.; Myers, Dale OIT

Student Representatives: Berry, Alex Fresh. Student Rep.

Discussion Items:

1. Welcome & Introductions

The Committee welcomed our new student member, Alex Berry, and provided introductions.

2. Review & Approval of Minutes from 9-12-12

Motion to approve: Steve Potter; Second: Bruce Walker; Approved by voice vote

3. Updates from OIT

- a. Discussion of recommendations from OIT Technology Support Center & Classroom Support Team
 - i. Need section regarding Linux
 - Committee decided to update Q11 in the FAQ to include comment explicitly stating Linux is not officially supported but help with installation and connecting to network/wireless will be available
 - ii. Need to recommend that students err on the high side of the min reqs and move toward Virtual Machines
 - Decision was made to expand statement on VLab on page 3 of document, including adding link to Citrix server
 - iii. Need the ability to hold students accountable for SCO requirements
 - Committee feels SCO Guide contains the minimum hardware and software requirements, as well as support and security guidelines, and does hold undergraduate students responsible for knowing and meeting these requirements; OIT and ResNet can point to the Guide, as needed, for enforcement of the requirements
 - iv. SCO should include statement that students need to check with their course of study for minimum requirements which might be higher
 - Statement will be added to requirements section on Guide
 - v. OIT recommends 8 GB minimum instead of just 4 - 8GB
 - Committee adopted the new minimum requirement for memory needed

- vi. Remove references to McAfee for anti-virus/security protection
 - Committee is following OIT's recommendation to have students use the freely available options (AVG or Security Essentials for PC; Sophos for Mac)
- vii. Classroom Support Team recommends moving Dongles for connecting to video projection and audio connections to the Requirements
 - Committee decided to move it to top of Accessories section with more explicit wording on connections in classroom
- viii. Operating System requirements need to explicitly indicate 64 bit, Windows 7 option is needed
 - Committee agreed that Windows 7 is still the OS of choice; not Windows 8, and that 64 bit is now necessary
- ix. Change in password requirements
 - Wording on Security section will now include 11 character recommendation for strong passwords
- x. New Networking recommendation suggested
 - Committee recommends 802.11n, dual band wireless capable (2.4 GHz/5 GHz)

- b. Emerging technology issues, innovations, products, etc.
 - Committee will need to revisit OS requirement when Windows Blue is released in summer 2013
 - Question was raised by OIT as to the need to extend these guidelines to graduate students --- Committee believe that graduate student needs are far too diverse and specialized to fall under this policy

4. Updates/issues from Campus Services/ResNet, Computer Store at Barnes & Noble, others

- Issues addressed included:
 - Possibility of adding information on gaming
 - Need for increased financial assistance allowance
- Issues will be re-addressed at future juncture

5. Develop plan for updating Student Computer Ownership Guide for 2013/2014

- a. Committee confirmed that there are major changes that will potentially come into play for 2014/2015; this cycle will be minor revisions to the Policy
- b. Lori Critz will incorporate revisions discussed; send first draft for review by 3-18-13; edits and additional changes should be sent to the Committee listserv by 3-21-13
- c. Lori will place all drafts on the SCO T-Square site
- d. Revisions to the SCO website will be addressed after the Guide is finalized

6. Committee adjourned at 10:15 am