

2012 Student Computer Ownership (SCO) Committee

Minutes for Meeting on 9-12-2012

Attending: Critz, Lori - Library; Edson, Miles – ResNet/Aux. Serv; Kim, Hyesoon - CoC; McDaniel, Steven – ResNet/Aux. Serv.; Myers, Dale - OIT; Peter Nguyen - Barnes & Noble @ GT (for Alex Taubman); Potter, Steve - BME; Walker, Bruce - Psych

Discussion Items:

1. Called to order at 4:05 pm
2. Freshmen Survey – compilation of data from 2005 - 2011
 - a. Miles Edson (Aux. Serv./Housing) presented aggregate data to SCO committee
 - b. MACs have continued to gain momentum and comprise about 1/3 of the GT freshmen laptop purchases
 - c. The number of devices (e.g. laptops, tablets, iPads, internet capable phones, Bluetooth DVD players, Xbox, etc.) held by freshmen has risen steadily from the average of one for 80% of freshmen in 2005; for 2011 only 12% had a single device
 - d. For email, about 50% of the students use Gmail; only 21% use Zimbra regularly
 - e. Almost 100% use wired access in the dorms; usually in conjunction with another device
 - f. 96% of freshmen have smart phones, but they are not required or supported
3. Election of Chair for 2012/2013
 - Steve Potter nominated Lori Critz to continue as Chair; seconded by Bruce Walker
 - There were no additional nominations
 - Voice vote conducted for election
 - Lori Critz will serve as 2012/2013 Chair
4. Discussion of SCO website (<http://sco.gatech.edu/>)
 - a. GT/OIT has requested that the site be moved to an approved GT template – additional revisions will be made to style/format and content
 - b. HOME section of site should describe the SCO Committee and also what else can be found on the site and on the Student Computer Ownership Guide
 - c. Format suggestions
 - inset HW & SW requirements as subsets of Student Guide page
 - provide documents as an ARCHIVE of the Committee
 - utilize language indicating readers can “Download the PDF for ...”

- d. Possibility was raised on including specific requirements for each college
 - This information is not available currently, and is out of the scope of the Committee
 - If OIT or others collect this information, the SCO site would provide links
 - e. Suggestion was made to include more detailed information on MAC vs. PC systems
 - f. Site needs to include more information on the SCO Committee
 - a definition of the committee or explanation of why we exist (faculty governance/elected faculty committee)
 - purpose statement pointing to our role in informing OIT (in consultation with ResNet, OIT, Barnes & Noble @ GT) what will need to be supported in terms of student computer usage
 - g. Site could include pictures of GT students with computers
 - h. Need to clarify language - indicating a laptop is the required device, and it is often termed a notebook (not a netbook)
 - i. Add link to compliance checker, if instituted by OIT
 - j. Recommendation was made to include a parents page
 - link to SCO FAQ
 - Links to Tech Stuff recommendations for purchases and an introduction written by B & N @ GT (Alex Taubman)
 - Provide additional guidance as appropriate
5. Updating Student Computer Ownership Guide for 2013/2014
- a. Based on major changes possibly looming for late 2013 or 2014, the Committee will proceed with a minor revision cycle for 2013
 - b. OIT has requested this document/policy be completed earlier than in the past – and available to them in Feb., if possible
 - c. Revision cycle will need to begin in October, 2012 to complete by Feb.
 - d. Lori will schedule the first meeting to discuss revisions in October
 - e. Committee will investigate making a recommendation (perhaps via Vice Provost's Office) to upgrade the 'financial consideration' amount allowed (currently \$1500) for computer purchases
 - ACTION ITEM: Peter & Alex will spec options for basic systems (MAC and PC) to include in the recommendation
6. Review of minutes from 2-15-12 meeting
- a. Motion to approve – Miles Edson
 - b. Second – Steven McDaniel
 - c. Approved by voice vote
7. Adjourned 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Lori Critz (Student Computer Ownership Committee, Chair)